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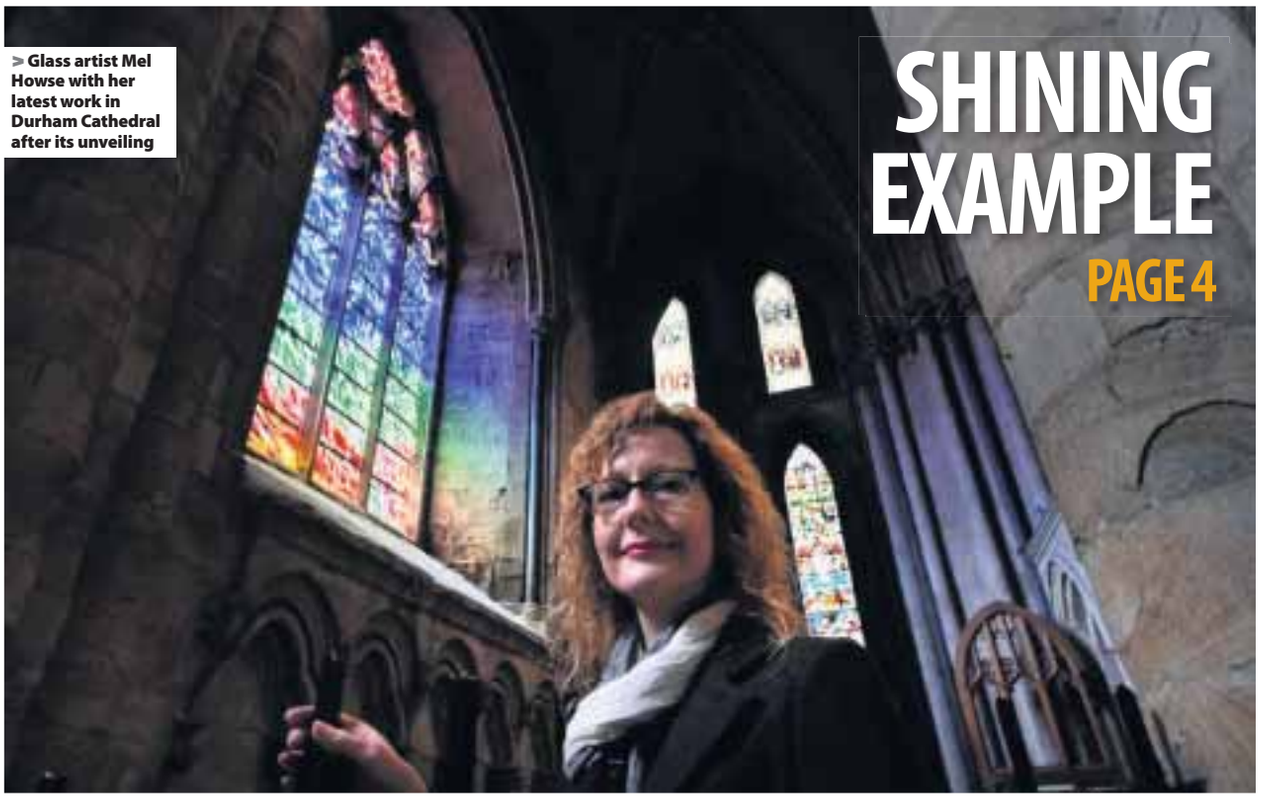

> Glass artist Mel Howse with her latest work in Durham Cathedral after its unveiling

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Job figures alarm business leaders

Unemployment still on rise in the North East

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Business Editor

BUSINESS leaders have sounded a note of alarm after unemployment rose in the North East while falling in most other parts of the country.

Nationally, record numbers of people are in work after a big increase in full-time jobs and self-employment.

But the North East has seen unemployment rise over the last three months, reinforcing its position as the region with the highest rate of joblessness in the UK.

The new statistics – which follow a similar picture in January – came on the day it was revealed that MPs have launched an inquiry into efforts to improve economic growth across the UK with the rest of the country remaining much poorer than London.

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> South Shields Town Hall

Support to improve life for tenants

COUNCIL bosses have revealed a new plan to boost housing support services for vulnerable tenants in South Tyneside.

Last year, the council's Place Select Committee launched a commission into houses in multiple occupation (HMOs) in the borough.

The probe aims to explore support available for people living in HMOs, housing standards in the private rented sector and links to crime.

In the latest commission session at South Shields Town Hall this week, councillors discussed council-commissioned services in the borough.

Currently, eight charities/agencies deliver a mixture of support around mental ill health, homelessness, alcohol problems and services for young people.

A recent review of services by council officers noted there was "mixed service user experience" and lack of awareness of services available.

Another concern included "disproportionate clustering" of housing support in certain areas "exacerbating issues around substance misuse".

At the meeting, several councillors flagged issues with current housing support.

Coun Wilf Flynn raised concerns about lack of coordination between multiple agencies providing services to a single person.

Committee chair Coun Audrey McMillan called for improved communication around anti-social behaviour linked to properties.

And Coun Doreen Purvis said problems around providers were often linked to lack of supervision and support.

"We have had some nightmare problems with young people given tenancies next to working single people whose lives are made a misery by the fact there are parties and bad behaviour," she said.

"I think monitoring and looking at good practices and trying to get those good practices into all forms of accommodation are essential."

Commissioning bosses plan to introduce a new model – a consortium of providers – to improve partnership working and communication. This would see the introduction of a single assessment to reduce the need for repeated tests and new technologies to improve communication. Council bosses believe the new model – scheduled to come into force later this year – will help support more vulnerable tenants into independence.

Head of integrated commissioning on the council Janet Evans said: "What we have is a way forward that will improve commissioned services. I know that doesn't address some of the issues in terms of the wider commission but it does at least show that we're making strides in improving our offer."

Council-commissioned organisations in South Tyneside include Mental Health Matters, Changing Lives, Depaul and Places for People.

Weather

Around the Country

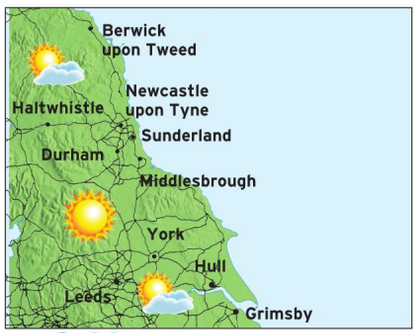
	Wednesday	°C	°F	Thursday	°C	°F
Birmingham	cloudy	17	63	cloudy	18	64
Bristol	cloudy	17	63	cloudy	19	66
Cardiff	cloudy	16	61	cloudy	18	64
Carlisle	sunny	18	64	cloudy	17	63
Exeter	cloudy	15	59	cloudy	18	64
Gloucester	cloudy	17	63	cloudy	19	66
Leeds	pcloudy	18	64	cloudy	17	63
Liverpool	pcloudy	18	64	cloudy	17	63
London	cloudy	17	63	cloudy	18	64
Manchester	pcloudy	18	64	cloudy	18	64
Norwich	pcloudy	15	59	sunny	16	61
Nottingham	cloudy	18	64	cloudy	18	64
Plymouth	cloudy	15	59	cloudy	17	63
Swansea	cloudy	16	61	cloudy	18	64

Around the World

	Wednesday	°C	°F	Thursday	°C	°F
Amsterdam	rain	16	60	sunny	19	67
Beijing	sunny	31	87	pcloudy	25	77
Corfu	sunny	17	63	rain	17	63
Majorca	sunny	18	65	overcast	19	66
Mexico City	sunny	26	79	sunny	27	81
Moscow	sunny	8	47	rain	8	47
New Delhi	rain	22	72	rain	25	77
New York	sunny	14	58	rain	19	66
Paris	sunny	19	66	sunny	22	71
Rio	rain	29	85	rain	29	84
Rome	sunny	20	68	sunny	22	71
Sydney	rain	22	71	rain	22	71
Tokyo	overcast	19	66	rain	18	64

Today's Weather

Skies will be sunny to partly cloudy today. Afternoon highs will range from 9 to 18C.



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Sunrise 5:59 a.m.
Sunset 8:09 p.m.

Moonrise 5:25 p.m.
Moonset 5:47 a.m.

Apr. 19 Full	Apr. 26 Last	May. 4 New	May. 11 First

Almanac

	Grimsby	Leeds	Newcastle upon Tyne
Yesterday's High (°C/°F)	12/54	13/55	12/54
Yesterday's Low (°C/°F)	9/48	10/50	9/48
Yesterday's Precip	0.00"	0.00"	0.00"

	Hull	Middlesbrough	York
Yesterday's High (°C/°F)	14/57	15/59	16/61
Yesterday's Low (°C/°F)	11/52	12/54	13/55
Yesterday's Precip	0.00"	0.00"	0.00"

Four-Day Outlook

Thursday
Cloudy.
16°C/ 61°F 5°C/ 41°F

Friday
Partly cloudy.
17°C/ 63°F 5°C/ 41°F

Saturday
Sunny.
19°C/ 66°F 8°C/ 46°F

Sunday
Cloudy.
16°C/ 61°F 8°C/ 46°F

High Tides

	Wednesday				Thursday			
Holy Island	4.6	1:52 a	4.7	2:04 p	4.8	2:39 a	5.0	2:49 p
Newcastle	5.1	2:38 a	5.2	2:50 p	5.3	3:25 a	5.5	3:35 p
Tynemouth	4.8	2:35 a	4.9	2:47 p	5.0	3:22 a	5.2	3:32 p
Sunderland	4.9	2:30 a	5.1	2:44 p	5.1	3:18 a	5.3	3:31 p
River Tees Ent.	5.0	2:47 a	5.2	3:01 p	5.3	3:35 a	5.5	3:48 p
Spurn Head	6.5	4:54 a	6.7	4:54 p	6.8	5:40 a	7.0	5:40 p
Grimsby	6.6	5:06 a	6.9	5:09 p	6.9	5:53 a	7.2	5:55 p
Wells	2.8	6:09 a	3.0	6:08 p	3.1	6:54 a	3.3	6:54 p
Dover	6.4	10:35 a	6.6	10:53 p	6.7	11:22 a	6.9	11:38 p
Liverpool	9.0	10:22 a	9.2	10:53 p	9.5	11:10 a	9.5	11:38 p

Liz Taylor's beer mat raises a bit more than a glass

TONY HENDERSON
HERITAGE

THE dramatic setting of Bamburgh Castle and its sweeping coastline has been the backdrop for a whole series of historical movies.

And behind a beer mat from a nearby Northumberland pub is the story of one such film and the subplot of a romance between two of the greatest stars of their day.

Elizabeth Taylor and Richard Burton had met while making the film Cleopatra, which was released in 1963.

Later that year, Richard Burton was playing the lead role in the movie Becket, with scenes shot at Bamburgh. In what were the early stages of their relationship, Burton was joined by Elizabeth Taylor, with the couple – who would marry the following year – staying at the Tilmouth Park Hotel in Cornhill.

After filming on the beach at Bamburgh, the stars would stop at the Salmon Inn in Belford for a drink on their way back to the hotel.

Bob and Hilda Smith, who ran the pub, provided the stars with a measure of privacy in the pub's snug, and in return Elizabeth signed a Vaux beer mat "To Hilda Best Wishes" on July 23, 1963.

Yesterday the beer mat, together with a picture of Bob and Hilda at the door of the 19th Century pub, sold at auction at Anderson and Garland's saleroom in Newcastle for £40.

"It is a bit of Belford history," said Bob and Hilda's granddaughter Jane Clubley, who lives near Hexham. "It was quite a thing that Elizabeth Taylor and Richard Burton used the Salmon Inn. They told Bob, that with his fine speaking voice, he should have been an actor.

"Bob And Hilda thought the couple were lovely, although Bob said they looked rather untidy, but he probably forgot that they had been on set all day," said Jane, whose son William Reay is a professional actor and has appeared in a number of productions of Shakespeare, playing Henry VIII in a performance staged at Hampton Court Palace.

Richard Burton played Thomas Becket, the Archbishop of Canterbury who was killed in his cathedral in 1170 by knights of King Henry II after the two men fell into dispute. Becket was made a saint in 1173 and his shrine became an important centre of pilgrimage.

In the film, the king is played by Peter O'Toole, who on at least one occasion joined Taylor and Burton for a drink in the Salmon Inn. John Gielgud also appeared as King Louis VII in the film, which won an Oscar for best adapted screenplay, and was nominated for 11 other awards.

Among other historical films with scenes shot at Bamburgh are Hunting Tower (1927) starring Harry Lauder; El Cid (1961) featuring Charlton Heston with Bamburgh standing in for Valencia; The Devils (1971) with Oliver Reed; Macbeth (1971) directed by Roman Polanski; Mary Queen of Scots (1971), starring Glenda Jackson and Vanessa Redgrave; Elizabeth (1998) with Cate Blanchett in the title role, and Macbeth (2015).

The filming of Becket was, in turn, filmed by the Newcastle and District Amateur Cinematographers Association and is now preserved in the collections of the North East Film Archive which, with the Yorkshire Film Archive, contain a detailed visual record of life in Yorkshire and the North East over the past 120 years. The amateur documentary, with commentary and music soundtrack, includes several close-up shots of Elizabeth Taylor, who arrives by Rolls Royce to watch scenes from Becket being filmed on the beach.

> The beer mat signed by Elizabeth Taylor

She is shown riding her horse on the beach while carrying her Yorkshire terrier pet dog, while many enthralled locals watch from the Bamburgh sand dunes, watching on.

The Newcastle film opens with general views of Bamburgh Castle and then armed knights and sentries on horseback appear on the high sand dunes at Bamburgh beach.

Richard Burton rides away from camera down a sandy track amongst the dunes towards the filming area on the beach. He is dressed in a monk's habit, in character for his role as Becket. Peter O'Toole, dressed for his role as King Henry II, rides his horse past camera in the dunes. Elizabeth Taylor is led to the film set on horseback, wearing an upturned straw hat. She rides across the sand and smiles broadly at the camera.

Meanwhile, Peter O'Toole signs autographs for fans.

To watch the full documentary Becket at Bamburgh, go to www.yorkshirefilmarchive.com/film/becket-bamburgh

> Bob and Hilda Smith at the door of the Salmon Inn in Belford

> Richard Burton and Elizabeth Taylor

> Bamburgh Castle in Northumberland

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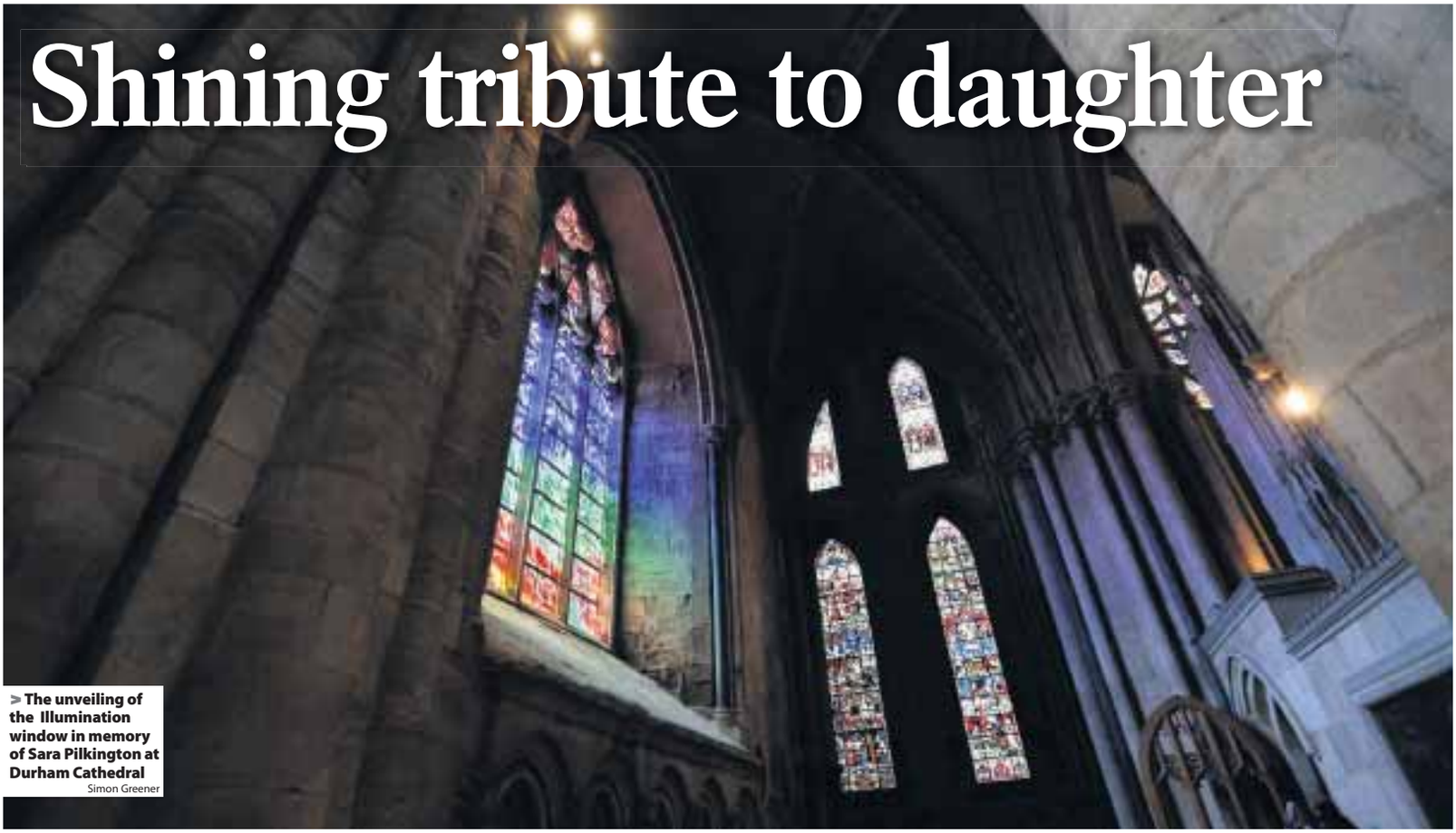

> The unveiling of the Illumination window in memory of Sara Pilkington at Durham Cathedral
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DURHAM Cathedral has unveiled a new stained glass window as it sends a message of support to the Notre Dame.

The Illumination Window has been installed in memory of a Durham University student who died suddenly from a cardiac-related condition.

The unveiling comes after a catastrophic fire ripped through the roof of Paris' Notre Dame Cathedral on Monday, sending its spire crashing to the ground before horrified crowds.

As the tragic event unfolded, Durham Cathedral sent prayers to those fighting the fire, the Notre Dame community and people of Paris, tweeting: "Our thoughts and deepest sorrow is with those of our fellow cathedral and world heritage site."

The Very Reverend Dean of Durham Andrew Tremlett said it was difficult to watch the fire grip the 850-year-old Gothic masterpiece.

He said: "It was hard to look at those pictures last night of the fire spreading right across the roof.

"I think, like everybody, I was like 'no this can't happen' but these things do happen to these buildings.

"We take an enormous amount of care and precaution here, we've done all sorts of compartmentalisation of the roof space to make sure fire couldn't spread.

"Of course, these are our heritage and we have to take care of them.

Her smile lit up the world of those around her

Jonathan and Jools Pilkington on their daughter Sara

"Here at the cathedral we don't charge people to enter. We invite them to donate and that's what enables us to take care of the building."

Mr Tremlett was speaking as a memorial to Sara Pilkington was revealed at the cathedral.

Sara, who died in 2012, was in her final year studying Combined Arts (BA Hons) at Durham University where she was a member of Collingwood College.

She has been the inspiration for the window, which will express and interpret qualities she embodied - spirituality, beauty, colour, learning and light.

Her parents, Jonathan and Jools Pilkington, who funded the piece, said: "Illumination means to bring in light and our beautiful daughter, Sara, brought so much love and light into our lives.

"Her smile lit up the world of those around her. The Illumination Window is a fitting memorial to her."

The window was designed by glass artist Mel Howse, with the flashed glass of the window allowing more than one colour and shade within the each piece.

She said: "The window is about a young vibrant person who was here one day and not here the next and that is a very strong story, which remained at the forefront of my mind as I worked on the piece. Given its poignancy, the story runs like a thread through my design. I worked with hand applied colour, which freed me up in a way that isn't possible when you work with a leaded design.

"I also think that when you make a piece of work with your own hands that passion cannot help but be passed through into the materials.

"I've worked very hard to achieve synergy between the architecture and glass work. What I didn't want to do was to create a piece of very contemporary work that would not chime and respond to this absolutely incredible building."

Will we ever share the spoils?

A committee of MPs is to explore ways of improving economic growth across the whole of the UK, as opposed to just the capital. Jonathan Walker reports.

WHY is the rest of the country still so much poorer than London?

This is the question MPs hope to answer as they launch an inquiry into efforts to improve economic growth across the UK.

Many governments have pledged to end the North-South divide. Tony Blair, the former Labour Prime Minister, claimed in 1999 that the concept was outdated, while Conservative Prime Minister David Cameron vowed in 2015: "We're going to close the North-South growth gap."

But official figures show that the economic gap is still there – and it's still growing.

Across England, economic output in 2017 was £1,563bn, or £28,096 per person. That's the total value of goods and services produced in the country, known by economists as Gross Value Added or GVA.

But some places were far more productive than others.

In London, economic output per person was £48,857. In the North East, it was just £20,129.

Arguably, it's wrong to see this is a division between the North and the South. Apart from London, only the South East had a productivity level above the national average.

In other words, the Midlands and the south west of England are also poorer than London and the south east. In fact, productivity in these regions is lower than it is in the north west.

So the real wealth gap is between London and the surrounding area, and the rest of the country. But that's little consolation.

What's more, the gap is growing. Figures published by the House of Commons Library show that GVA grew by just 0.9% (after inflation) annually in the North East between 2010 and 2017. In London, it grew by 3.3% annually.

So what does this mean in practice? There's plenty of poverty in London, and there are some wealthy people in the North East. But overall, a region with lower productivity has fewer well-paid jobs.

This has a knock-on effect on public services too. Councils and police forces in the wealthy south find it easier to raise money from council tax, which means they've been less affected by cuts in funding from the Treasury.

The House of Commons Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy Committee is looking at what Government can do to help. Members include Conservative, Labour and SNP MPs, and they will be looking at barriers to establishing new businesses and the role of regional bodies in promoting growth.

But the committee has already spotted one potential problem. It's obtained figures from the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy showing that a Government scheme called the British Business Bank, which provides funding for smaller firms, has been funnelling money to the south.

The British Business Bank provided £5bn to London firms between October 2015 and September 2018. That comes to £567 for each London resident.

At the same time, it provided £465m to the North East. That comes to £176 per person.

Rachel Reeves MP, chair of the Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy Committee, said: "While the Government's industrial strategy aims to boost productivity and growth throughout the country, there are too many areas that are being left behind.

"Regional disparities are increasing faster than any other major European country, meaning vast swathes of the UK are failing to share in the prosperity of London and the South East.

"Our inquiry will be looking at what more the Government can do to help business and whether firms in less productive areas have the support they need to get going and grow.

"We want to hear about the specific challenges businesses face as well as stories of areas that have been successful in reducing disparities.

"Greater efforts to narrow regional disparities are key if we are to truly have an economy that works for all."

Greater efforts to narrow regional disparities are key.
Rachel Reeves MP

Business leaders, and anyone else with a contribution to make, can get involved by submitting evidence to the committee via its website, at https://www.parliament.uk/business/committees/committees-a-z/commons-select/business-energy-industrial-strategy/inquiries/parliament-2017/inquiry10/

It's always tempting to say that central government doesn't care about the North – or perhaps about anywhere outside the M25, the motorway that encircles greater London.

> The Juke being built at Nissan's Sunderland plant

But there's been a plethora of schemes designed to create wealth and help businesses succeed in the poorer regions of the country. It's just that they seem to have had limited success. Here are a few of them:

■ **Regional Development Agencies**

These were regional offices of the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (previously known as the Department for Trade and Industry) with their own staff and budgets. At one point, the nine RDAs in England had annual funding of £2.3bn between them. They were a Labour invention and the Conservative-led government abolished them in 2010.

■ **Local Enterprise Partnerships**

The replacement for RDAs, created by David Cameron's government. They are more of them, each covering a smaller area, and they are led by local businesses and councils.

They received funding from a Local Growth Fund, and the North East LEP received £379.6m for the period from 2015 to 2021.

■ **The Regional Growth Fund**

This was created in 2010 and provided grants totalling £3.2bn to businesses over a five- year period.

■ **City Deals**

These were the brainchild of Nick Clegg, the former Deputy Prime Minister. The Government signed a deal with a city council, typically giving it access to finance – such as the ability to raise taxes locally – in return for a promise to use the money to help businesses create jobs.

■ **The Northern Powerhouse**

Former Chancellor George Osborne's plan to turn the north into a second economic powerhouse, alongside London. While it involved a range of different projects, the key element was a plan to improve transport links between the north's great cities. A new body called Transport for the North was created to draw up plans, and the Government is currently considering its proposals.

■ **The Midlands Engine**

A similar concept to the Northern Powerhouse, for the Midlands. Goals include improving transport links between the East Midlands and West Midlands, and encouraging collaboration between businesses and universities.

■ **Combined Authorities**

These are regional councils created by local councils working together. For example, the North of Tyne Combined Authority was created by Newcastle, Northumbria and North Tyneside councils. They are eligible for funding – typically around £20m a year over 30 years – and can take control of areas like housing and skills.

■ **The Stronger Towns Fund**

A £1.6bn fund for places "that have not shared in the proceeds of growth in the same way as more prosperous parts of the country", according to the Government. So far, £583m has been allocated to towns across the North with a further £322m allocated to communities in the Midlands. It's been described as an attempt to bribe MPs into voting for Theresa May's Brexit deal, although there's no connection between how local MPs voted and where money is allocated.

■ **The UK Shared Prosperity Fund**

This is a planned Government scheme to replace "structural funding" currently provided by the EU.

The EU gives the UK £2.4bn a year for economic development, including support for businesses, employment and agriculture.

> The London skyline

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School rescued from closure set for renovation

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PLANS have been lodged to renovate a Northumberland school which was saved from closure last year.

In May 2018, Northumberland County Council agreed to step in to rescue Haydon Bridge High School, which is in special measures, following the withdrawal of Bright Tribe Trust as academy sponsor.

The decision came as part of the overhaul of education in the west of the county and the local authority pledged a £1.54m rescue package as well as taking on the school's £600,000 debts.

The council also earmarked £3.1m to invest in buildings and facilities at the high school and a planning application for these works has now been submitted.

As well as renovation and upgrades inside, it seeks permission for a redesign of the front of the school with a new entrance canopy, a revised car park and entrance layout with extra spaces, and two new sports pitches.

A design and access statement by Gradon Architecture, who were commissioned by the county council for this scheme, says: 'The renovation seeks to provide an improvement and overhaul of the existing school buildings to create a more attractive study and working environment through internal amendments and new external site and landscaping to boost the pupil attendance numbers in the catchment area, which incidentally is the largest in England.'

The proposals include converting the existing design and technology block into a new vocational centre to the rear with an out-of-hours entrance arrangement, so that it can be used for adult education classes during the evenings.

This centre will include a new toilet facility, with six new unisex toilets and a disabled-access toilet.

In the school itself, enhanced disabled WC facilities have been included into the ground floor of block two to address the needs of future students.

Other changes inside would also result in a relocated library, learning resource centre, sixth form area and performing arts spaces.

There will be an additional 21 parking spaces, on top of the existing 40, which are to be arranged to the front of the building along with space for 10 coaches during drop-off/pick-up, up from five.

Two new multi-use games areas (MUGAs) are proposed to the north of the car park.

> Haydon Bridge High School in Northumberland

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Corbyn: Farage is not solution to problems over Europe

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JEREMY Corbyn claimed Nigel Farage is not "serious" about the UK's relationship with the rest of the world as the pair traded blows ahead of the European election battle.

The Labour leader said Mr Farage and his Brexit Party were "not the answer to anyone's problem".

But Mr Farage, who said he expects to "sweep the board" at the May 23 elections, questioned whether Mr Corbyn even understood his own policy on Brexit.

Mr Corbyn, on the campaign trail in north-west England, said: "Nigel Farage is not the answer to anyone's problem.

"We have to have a relationship with Europe in or out of the EU.

"We have a major trading partnership with Europe and all Farage is offering is some kind of never-neverland, saying we'll walk away from everything.

"Well, he should say that to those people whose jobs would be at risk in manufacturing industries and food processing industries. He should say that to those people who are really going to suffer as a result of this.

"We're serious about having a trading relationship with Europe. We're serious about our relationship with the rest of the world. I'm not sure he is."

Asked whether the Brexit Party was a risk to Labour and Conservative in the European elections, he said: "We will fight the elections as a party that is committed to that relationship with Europe but above all it's about uniting people however they voted in 2016, they're suffering from austerity."

Responding to the Labour leader's comments, Mr Farage said Mr Corbyn's plan to have a customs union with the EU after Brexit would leave the UK unable to strike trade deals.

"How is Jeremy Corbyn serious about our relationship with the rest of the world when he wants us to be in a customs union, and unable to do deals.

"Does he even understand this?"

Earlier, in the European Parliament, Mr Farage predicted electoral success for the party he now leads after quitting Ukip.

"The Brexit Party will sweep the board in these elections," he said.

And if a deal between Mr Corbyn and Theresa May meant the Withdrawal Agreement was passed by MPs and the European elections were not necessary, then the Brexit Party would win the next general election "because the betrayal will be so complete and utter".

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> Rosa Gatta and daughter Millie Sordillo have a picture taken with Labour leader Jeremy Corbyn after he spoke to party members in the Red Lion, Winsford, Cheshire, yesterday Danny Lawson

HOW NO-DEAL BREXIT MAY AFFECT SCOTLAND

ECONOMISTS have predicted the impact of a no-deal Brexit could cause a "significant contraction" in the Scottish economy.

The Fraser of Allander Institute modelled several possible Brexit outcomes and the impact in its latest economic commentary.

The research institute's worst-case scenario was a no-deal Brexit with no policy response, which it predicted would cause an overall economic downturn of -2.1% in 2019.

This predicts a "significant contraction" in the Scottish economy in the second half of 2019 of around 5.5%.

In this scenario, the economy could shrink by 1.5% in 2020 before returning to positive growth of 1.4% by the following year.

However, the institute warns that this model assumes no policy response from the Government or Bank of England, which it said is "not very realistic".

A second scenario examines a no-deal Brexit with a policy response, which predicts a contraction of 1.9%, leading to -0.2% growth in 2019, followed by -0.3% in 2020 and 1.3% in 2021.

The central forecast, based on an orderly departure from the EU in 2019, predicts 1.1% growth this year, 1.4% in 2020 and 1.5% in 2021.

Another model envisages business investment being unlocked, perhaps through a deal being agreed, and forecasts growth of 1.7% in 2019, 1.8% in 2020 and 1.6% in 2021.

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NEWS

Guesthouse go-ahead

PLANS to transform a County Durham home into a bed and breakfast guesthouse have been given the go-ahead.

Last year, a 'change of use' bid was lodged for 1 The Barns in Trimdon Grange, Trimdon Station.

This included converting an existing garage into an additional bedroom and erecting a double garage to the rear.

During consultation, Durham County Council's Environmental Health department carried out a review of the potential impact of the plans. According to planning documents, Senior Environmental Health Officer, Emma Tindall, said the development was "unlikely to cause a statutory nuisance."

Her statement reads: "The proposed use as a bed and breakfast will be undertaken in close proximity to other residential uses.

"However the bed and breakfast facility will not create any increased noise levels within the area.

"There may be an increase in vehicle movements to and from the site however this should not impact on the overall noise climate of the area."

> Free NHS screenings for cervical cancer have fallen

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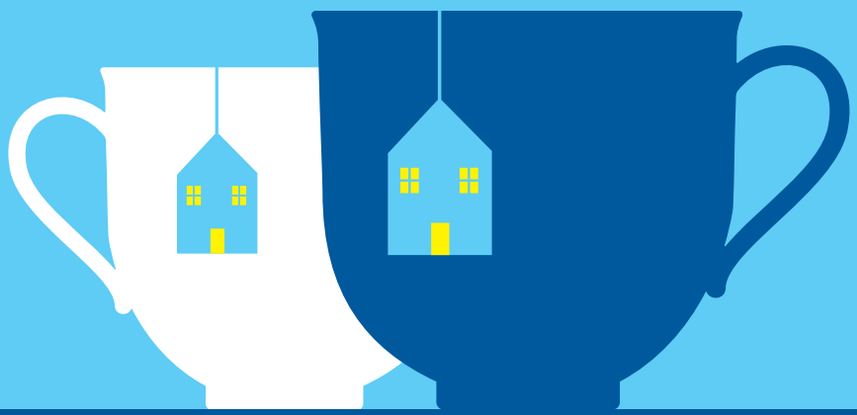

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Number of smear tests taking place across city sees decline

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SCREENING rates for a potentially deadly form of cancer in Newcastle have dropped, according to stark figures revealed in a health report.

Cervical cancer is the most common cancer in women under 35 and can destroy fertility – and lives.

The free NHS screening programme saves an estimated 5,000 lives in the UK every year.

But, a screenings and immunisations update compiled for Newcastle Council, warned that fewer women in the area are being screened compared to the rest of the country and the amount tested has dropped over the last decade.

The figures state that in 2017-18 70.4% of eligible women in the Newcastle and Gateshead Clinical Commissioning Group were adequately screened for cervical cancer. This is lower then the figure for England which is 71.7%.

The report also said that screenings in the area had plummeted by almost 6% over the last nine years, with only eight GP practices meeting targets.

It said: "Since 2009-2010, the performance of the CCG has fallen from 75.8%. This is in line with a reduction across England from 75.45. Only eight of the individual GP practices achieved the 80% threshold."

And it stated that the decline was seen most in younger women.

It said: "One of the main areas of concern nationally as well as locally is the decline in the level of cervical cancer screening uptake, particularly in the younger females.

"There is also a concern in terms of the level of variation that exists across Newcastle at GP practice level."

Speaking at Thursday's meeting of the Health Scrutiny Committee, Steph Edusei, health watch chief executive, raised concerns that child care commitments and the tone of letters were putting women off.

She said: "Going to have your screening when you have a two-year-old around and child care were the main issue.

"I have had a letter recently, they're appalling and don't encourage you to have your screening.

"They sound really cold, there is no 'thank you' at the end, and nothing about why they (screenings) are so important.

"They're just 'you have an appointment, get it done'."

The document also outlined the steps the clinical commissioning group was taking to encourage women to book in for their smear test.

These include the 'no fear, have a smear' campaign which sees posters encouraging women to get screened displayed in GP surgeries and pharmacies across the city and practices with less than 75% uptake offered further training.

Awareness raising work to increase uptake, particularly in black and minority ethnic and poorer communities is also being carried out.

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Pledges for Notre Dame run into the hundreds of millions

HUNDREDS of millions of euros have been pledged to rebuild Notre Dame Cathedral after it was ravaged by fire.

Nearly 400 firefighters tackled the blaze, battling to stop it completely destroying the treasured facade after flames torched the roof, sending its spire crashing to the ground.

French President Emmanuel Macron has vowed to rebuild the historic building, and more than 600 million euros (£520m) has been pledged already.

French luxury and cosmetics group L'Oreal and its owners, the Bettencourt Meyers family, have pledged 200 million euros

French tycoon Bernard Arnault and his luxury goods group LVMH have also pledged 200 million euros, while the Pinault family has pledged 100 million euros. Francois-Henri Pinault is chief executive of international luxury group Kering, which owns brands such as Gucci and Yves Saint Laurent.

Energy firm Total will contribute 100 million euros, chief executive Patrick Pouyanne tweeted.

Other donations reported include a million euros (£860,000) from technology consulting firm Capgemini.

In an emotional speech on Monday night, President Emmanuel Macron said: "I am solemnly telling you tonight: this cathedral will be rebuilt by all of us together. It will be our project for the years to come."

> People look across the Seine at Notre Dame Cathedral after Monday's devastating fire

Dan Kitwood

EXCLUSIVE READER OFFER

Family's medical conditions don't stop them from travelling

Nicola Hague had a devastating stroke at just 18, and then needed a heart transplant. But that didn't stop Nicola and her family from wanting to travel.

12 years later and now in her late 30s, she is well and leading an active life, despite a few medical complications. She is a staff nurse at a hospital in Liverpool and loves to travel.

Travel insurance was becoming prohibitively expensive for the family. Not only did they have Nicola's medical history to contend with, but also Nicola's mum Denise has had cancer and her father Michael has suffered two heart attacks, undergoing a triple bypass after the second.

They believed flying was out of the question but dreamed of going to Florida. At a local clinic, Nicola was recommended to try AllClear Travel Insurance. The family was amazed to discover that AllClear was able to halve the policy costs quoted by other specialist providers.

The whole family is now insured through AllClear and Michael says the company will always be their first port of call: "Our coming trip to Florida demonstrates the money we are able to save. It has proved to us that despite such serious medical complications we can still enjoy holidays like everyone else."

Nicola adds that she would recommend AllClear to anyone: "AllClear is able to provide very reasonable prices for all medical conditions. We've thankfully never had to claim, but would never think about going abroad, especially to America, without travel insurance. I'm over the moon to be able to travel and thankful for the fabulous service received from AllClear."

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Corbyn sets out plan to end Sat tests

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JEREMY Corbyn has announced plans to abolish formal testing of primary school pupils.

Speaking at the National Education Union's Conference in Liverpool, the Labour leader set out proposals to scrap the "regime of extreme pressure testing" created by the 'Sats' tests.

Labour said the policy would relieve pressure on a schools system forced to cope with overcrowded classrooms, and an ongoing crisis in teacher recruitment and retention.

Mr Corbyn said: "We need to prepare children for life, not just for exams.

"Sats and the regime of extreme pressure testing are giving young children nightmares and leaving them in floods of tears.

"I meet teachers of all ages and backgrounds who are totally overworked and overstressed. It's just wrong."

Mr Corbyn also announced that the next Labour government will scrap baseline assessments for reception classes. The conference heard: "Our assessment will be based on clear principles. First, to understand the learning needs of each child, because every child is unique. And second, to encourage a broad curriculum aimed at a rounded education.

"When children have a rich and varied curriculum, when they're encouraged to be creative, to develop their imagination, then there's evidence that they do better at the core elements of literacy and numeracy too."

Mr Corbyn said his party trusts teachers and will raise standards by freeing them up to teach.

However, schools minister Nick Gibb said the tests had been "pivotal in raising standards in our primary schools".

He added: "That's why Labour governments led by Tony Blair and Gordon Brown supported them."

"Abolishing these tests would be a terrible, retrograde step. It would enormously damage our education system."

Mr Corbyn's announcement came a day after the NEU conference voted in favour of balloting members over a boycott of next year's exams.

Tributes paid to council chief who put town 'on map'

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GATESHEAD Council leaders have paid tribute to former chief executive Roger Kelly OBE who put the borough on the "international stage".

Born in County Durham in October 1953, he dedicated most of his working life to local government.

Having studied law at the University of Liverpool, Mr Kelly worked as a solicitor with Durham County Council for nine years before working for a mineral and development company for two years.

In 1987 he joined Gateshead Council as deputy director of legal services and was promoted to director in 1990.

Mr Kelly was appointed chief executive in 2004, following the retirement of Sir Les Elton.

In 2012 he stepped down as chief executive and a year later received an OBE in the 2013 New Year's Honours list for services to local government and the community in Gateshead and the North East.

Gateshead Council leader, Martin Gannon, said: "It's with great sadness that we heard of Roger's death.

"Those who worked with him always had great admiration for his dedication and his commitment to excellent services for the people of Gateshead. During his time at Gateshead Roger helped to influence all our major regeneration work including the National Garden Festival and later the redevelopment of Gateshead Quays, which now boasts Gateshead Millennium Bridge, BALTIC Centre for Contemporary Art and Sage Gateshead.

Roger helped to influence all our major regeneration work... his legacy is a lasting one

"There is no doubt that these developments have put Gateshead on the international stage and his legacy is a lasting one. We extend our deepest sympathies to his wife Janette and their three daughters."

Opposition leader, Jonathan Wallace, added: "Roger was a true gentleman who treated all councillors with the utmost respect and I always appreciated his support.

"He showed great dedication to Gateshead and its residents for 25 years. I would like to pass on my condolences to his family."

> Roger Kelly

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Benefits bungle expected to cost £1bn, warn MPs

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A £1BN bill is expected for fixing botched disability benefits, MPs have warned.

Vulnerable claimants lost out on £340m support due to systemic errors when disability payments were combined into the single Employment Support Allowance (ESA) payment from 2011.

The Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) claimed to have corrected the underlying problem, but in February was forced to admit that 30,000 extra cases had been identified – despite new guidance being issued.

The DWP has now tripled the number of staff trying to fix the system, from 400 to 1,200, and DWP select Committee chairman Frank Field said the cost is now expected to be close to £1bn.

Mr Field said: "DWP has been forced to admit that just the admin of fixing its own catastrophic incompetence is going to add another £40m to the cost of this serially botched operation.

"Imagine what that money could have done instead for families across the country who are struggling to feed their children and heat their homes."

Labour MP Mr Field criticised the "awful, painful, error-ridden" assessment process and "miserable and lengthy" appeal process, which has meant tens of thousands of disabled people have not been given money they were owed.

The Birkenhead MP said DWP was now headed for another billion pound scandal as staff continued to wrongly refuse disabled people the support they need.

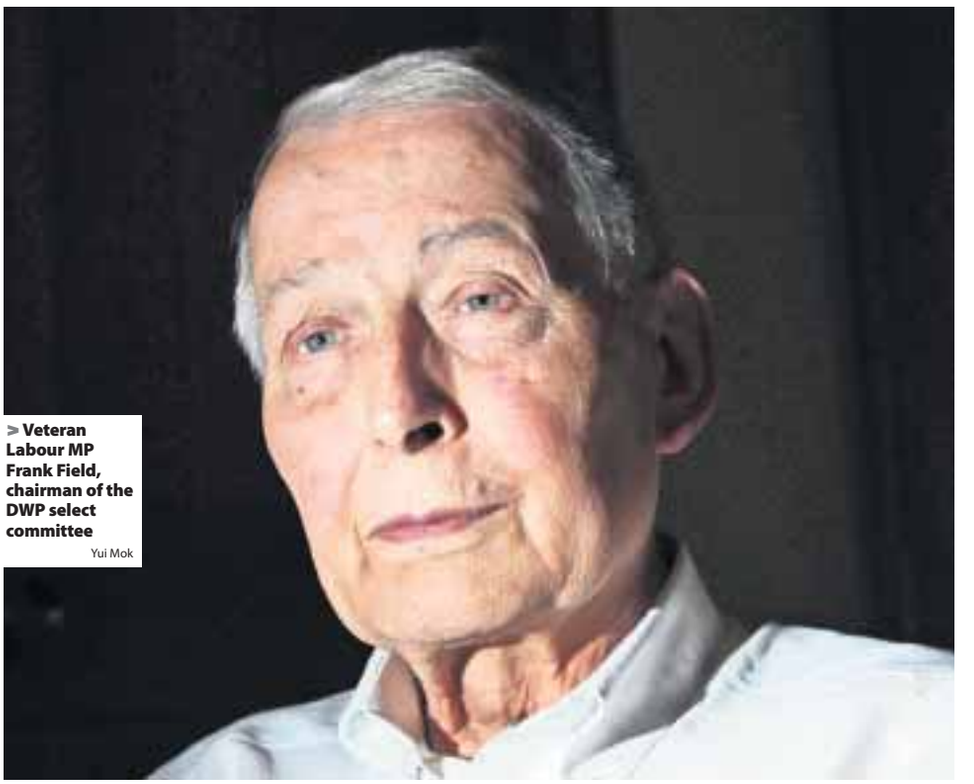
"You might think that this shameful, damaging waste would at least focus minds at DWP on making sure this never, ever happened again," he said. "But we are already starting to hear about people whose incomes have been slashed because they've been wrongly advised to claim universal credit.

"If Ministers want to avoid another billion-pound scandal, they need to get a grip on this – and fast."

A new letter from a top civil servant at the DWP confirms the latest expected cost for administering payments to 310,000 underpaid claimants would be £21m in 2018/19 and £19m in 2019/20.

The letter also confirms 400 extra staff were recruited in 2018/19 "directly to support the ESA underpayment exercise".

The DWP estimates it will pay £920m in past underpayments over the financial years 2017/18, to 2019/20, a decrease from the £970m forecast that informed Autumn Budget 2018.



> Veteran Labour MP Frank Field, chairman of the DWP select committee
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Imagine what that money could have done instead for families
MP Frank Field

Permission for homes in village is sought again

ANOTHER bid to build new homes on a site on the southern side of Rothbury is now with Northumberland County Council.

An outline application has been lodged for five four-bedroom houses on a triangular plot south-west of Malin, on the north side of Silverton Lane and east of Whitton.

A previous outline scheme was given the go-ahead by a council committee in January 2014, with the approval being signed off in April 2015 after a requirement for affordable housing was dropped due to a change in the law.

However, this permission has now lapsed as no work has started on the site, which is described as "amenity land" due to it having "no significant agricultural value" and its relatively small size.

A design and access statement submitted with the application says that the site "offers unique characteristics for the area in that it is relatively level, enabling cost-efficient construction of buildings without the need for significant ground engineering works, while it also provides stunning uninterrupted views north over the Coquet Valley".

The five new detached properties, each with garden, parking and turning space, would be accessed via two new private driveways directly off Silverton Lane.

As with the previous scheme for this site, it is proposed that the overhead electrical cables crossing the site are removed and rerouted underground "so as to maximise space and improve visual amenity".

The statement adds: "The position and orientation of the proposed dwellings aims to sympathetically reflect that of adjacent properties while utilising the vista over the Coquet Valley to the north."

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> Christon Bank Farm

Councillors to make a visit to site of proposed new houses

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A DECISION is due later this week on a bid for new homes on a farm site in north Northumberland.

An outline application for the demolition of an existing building and redevelopment of a site at Christon Bank Farm for up to five homes was recommended for refusal, despite the support of Embleton Parish Council, at last month's meeting of the North Northumberland Local Area Council.

But members unanimously decided to visit the site, which lies around 400m south of Christon Bank, before making a decision, following a request from the applicant's agent.

Its location in the open countryside is one of the key reasons for the recommendation of refusal, which remains unchanged for the local area council's meeting on Thursday.

The planning officer also says that it 'would have an unacceptable impact on the landscape and character of the immediate and wider area and would result in an obtrusive development in the rural landscape, which would adversely affect the rural setting fundamentally altering the visual relationship between Christon Bank Farm and its wider countryside setting.'

Council officers also say that not enough information has been submitted in relation to contamination, noise, listed buildings and flooding.

At the March meeting, the applicant's agent, Craig Ross, of George F White, said these latter issues can easily be resolved so the crux of the scheme is the principle of development.

He appealed for the committee to take a look for themselves rather than just rely on 'non-existent settlement boundaries or out-of-date policies.'

The new report to councillors states that Mr Ross has reiterated this point in a letter to the council since the last meeting.

However, the planners have stuck to their guns, highlighting a recent rejected appeal decision in Old Swarland, which was in open countryside approximately 1km south of Swarland that the inspector concluded was not a suitable location for housing.

They point out that it 'would also set an unnecessary precedent, making it more difficult for the council to resist similar residential development proposals.'

Taxi booking office plan rejected over noise fears

PLANS to convert a former kitchen showroom into a taxi booking office have been snubbed over noise concerns.

Earlier this year, an application was lodged with Sunderland City Council for Unit 1 at Rydean Works.

The area, off South Street, in Newbottle, Houghton-le-Spring, provides units for a range of businesses.

New plans included opening a private hire taxi office between 7.30am-11.30pm, Monday to Friday; and 8am-11.30pm on weekends and Bank Holidays.

According to planning documents, the business planned to use existing spaces on the site to serve taxis. This included three taxis operating on site with a potential to increase to six.

During consultation, one letter of objection was lodged from an Elm Place resident over potential littering and noise concerns.

Council planners also raised concerns the taxi office would impact neighbours due to noise from engines, car doors and "conversation" between drivers.

And due to existing deliveries from a nearby takeaway, a report adds, a taxi office operating late into the night would create an "intensification of the comings and goings on site" to the "detriment" of neighbours.

A decision notice was published on April 12 which stated the proposals clashed with planning policies.

The applicant can appeal the decision if they choose to do so.

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Concern at failure to cut unemployment in region

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BUSINESS leaders have sounded a note of alarm after unemployment rose in the North East while falling in most other parts of the country.

Nationally, record numbers of people are in work after a big increase in full-time jobs and self-employment.

But the North East has seen unemployment rise over the last three months, reinforcing its position as the region with the highest rate of joblessness in the UK.

The new statistics – which follow a similar picture in January – reverse a trend that had been seen over the last few years whereby the North East had been closing the employment gap on the rest of the country and briefly lost its position at the bottom of the UK's jobs table.

Paul Carbert, policy adviser at the North East England Chamber of Commerce, said yesterday: "As a snapshot of the current state of the labour market in the North East, the employment statistics released this morning do not make for positive reading.

"The North East has the lowest employment rate and highest unemployment rate of any region. The gap between the employment rate in the North East and the national average has doubled over the past year, and the employment rate in the South West, the best-performing region, is now nine percentage points higher than the rate in the North East.

"In the most recent Quarterly Economic Survey conducted by the Chamber, members reported a marked slowdown in sales and orders, particularly for exporters, and a fall in confidence about current workforce levels.

"We frequently hear from members that uncertainty over Brexit is delaying investment and recruitment decisions, and the ongoing political impasse is not helping matters. The Government should now focus on measures to reduce the costs for businesses to recruit and train staff."

Nationally, unemployment fell by 27,000 to 1.34m, continuing a trend which started in early 2012. The UK's unemployment rate of 3.9% is now lower than at any time since 1975.

But in the North East, the joblessness total rose by 1,000 to 71,000, with the unemployment rate of 5.6% being the highest in the country, though that is still below levels seen in 2017.

Employment Minister Alok Sharma said: "The UK jobs market continues to go from strength to strength, proving the underlying resilience of the British economy.

"But we must not take this for granted. We need to work urgently to get behind a Brexit deal that protects this jobs record and gives employers the certainty to continue to invest in their workforce."

Matthew Percival, the CBI's head of employment, said: "Although securing a Brexit extension means we have averted an economic crisis, politicians must now come together and avoid a no-deal scenario or risk impacting the UK's stellar labour market."

And Tej Parikh, senior economist at the Institute of Directors, said: "High employment should not lull policymakers into a false sense of security. Business leaders need clarity on Brexit and faster progress on the Government's skills and productivity agenda."

> Our region has the worst unemployment rate in the UK

> Paul Carbert, policy adviser at the North East England Chamber of Commerce

BUSINESS BRIEFING

Barbour calls for Alexa

TYNESIDE clothing brand Barbour has teamed up with one of the hottest names in fashion for a collection aimed at young and trendy customers.

The South Shields firm will be working with Alexa Chung, whose work with Marks & Spencer was credited with providing a massive boost for the company.

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Market plan for Fish Quay

A former factory on North Shields Fish Quay is set to be transformed into a street food, spirits and craft beer emporium.

The Salt Market Social will see the old Cosalt Factory host monthly indoor events featuring food, beers, DJs and artwork which is set to entice crowds from across the North East.

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Former bank up for sale

ESTATE agent Duncan Young has put a historic building in Gosforth up for sale after relocating part of his business.

Until recently the Old Bank at 30 High Street had provided a base for Sanderson Young's rare! brand, but now the former Midland Bank building has been put on the market.

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The arts surpass farming on value to UK economy

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THE UK arts and culture sector is worth £10.8bn and contributes more to the economy than agriculture, according to a report.

More than 360,000 jobs are thought to be supported by the arts, with government coffers benefiting by £2.8bn in tax.

In a one-year period, the value of the arts and culture as an industry rose by £390m.

The sector has been hailed as a "thriving industry" which provides the UK with an economic boost of £23bn when supply chains and employee spending are taken into account.

Despite this success, 75% of arts organisations have suffered cuts and volunteers are increasingly propping up the sector.

Book publishing was the largest contributor to a sector which added more to the UK economy than agriculture and hunting, according to a report for Arts Council England.

The report charts the economic impact of arts and culture from 2009 to 2016, and shows a year-on-year rise in money made by the sector, and value generated for the wider economy.

Arts and culture took in £17bn, and added £10.8bn to the UK economy in 2016 – more than computer, textile and electronics manufacturing in the same year.

Sir Nicholas Serota, chairman of Arts Council England, said: "Latest figures show arts and culture is a thriving industry delivering huge benefits for our economy.

"Public investment in the arts is fuelling local regeneration across the country, pushing skills and talent to the commercial sector, and driving the world-class reputation of our creative industries."

> **The audience spilling out after the first concert of Sage Gateshead's 2017-18 classical season**

Part of the sector's success came from families spending around £73 a week on cultural activities in 2016, with weekly spending rising every year from 2009.

Figures broadly show that the older and wealthier the household, the more likely they were to indulge in the arts.

Book publishing is the largest contributor to the sector, accounting for around a third of turnover and value added to the economy. Performing arts accounts for a third of employment in the sector.

In 2016 there were 137,000 workers directly employed in arts and culture, with 363,000 jobs supported by the sector overall, according to the report by the Centre For Economics and Business Research.

However, the report claims that 75% of arts organisations surveyed have suffered public funding cuts, with more than half of these saying they could not compensate for the loss. The main impact of cuts has been added pressure on money for staff, with frozen wages and payroll reductions.

The report states: "Volunteers play a key role in the industry. Against a backdrop of public funding cuts, organisations in the arts and culture industry are increasingly becoming reliant on volunteers to sustain their operations."

Despite pressures, the productivity of arts and culture workers is higher than the national average, according to the report.

Turnover from the arts and culture sector has risen every year from 2009 to 2016, from £11bn to almost £17bn.

Gross value added by arts and culture has risen from £5.7bn to £8.6bn in 2016, with an estimated £2.2bn added to this total by Government and non-profits in 2016.

That year, according to the Office for National Statistics, agriculture and hunting added £10bn, textiles £7bn, computer manufacture £8.1bn and electronics manufacture £5.9bn.

Food firm break-up 'most likely option'

MR Kipling cakes firm Premier Foods is expected to press ahead with a break-up of the group in the coming months.

It is believed that the company, which has been under pressure from activist investors, has hired bankers at boutique advisory firm d'Angelin & Co to help manage the process.

In February, Premier launched a strategic review, bowing to pressure from investors Oasis and Paulson, which owns more than 20% of the group and had called for a radical shake-up.

Insiders believe that, while all options are on the table, including a sale, a break-up is now the most likely.

Premier is also behind custard brand Ambrosia, Batchelors soups, Bisto gravy and Oxo cubes.

It is understood that d'Angelin's involvement is at the behest of Paulson, which recently gained a seat on the food firm's board.

Premier has a market capitalisation of around £300m but any break-up or sale would be complicated by its large-scale pension liabilities and £500m debt pile.

The activists scored a victory in November when chief executive Gavin Darby said he would stand down following criticism from Oasis.

The group had been critical of his strategy, in particular when he oversaw the successful defence of a 60p-per-share takeover tilt from McCormick in 2016.

Instead of tying up with McCormick, Premier in that year announced a collaboration agreement with Japan's Nissin Foods.

Premier has also recently scrapped plans to sell off Ambrosia, blaming the current business climate, and last year it abandoned the sale of its Batchelors brand.

Both could again be put up for sale as part of a break-up.

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Barbour secures star name to woo younger buyers

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TYNESIDE clothing brand Barbour has teamed up with one of the hottest names in fashion for a collection aimed at young and trendy customers.

The South Shields firm will be working with former model and TV host Alexa Chung – whose work with Marks & Spencer a few years ago was credited with providing a massive boost for the company – with her first designs to be unveiled in time for the summer music festival season.

Ms Chung has previously worked with some of the biggest names in fashion, including Mulberry and J.Crew, and her link-up with Barbour comes as the company celebrates its 125th anniversary.

The first collection is expected to include coats, tote bags and a hat, and is already exciting fashionistas, with Vogue saying that "Alexa Chung's collaboration with Barbour is so perfect that it begs the question: what took them so long to team up?"

Ms Chung said: "Some of my happiest memories have unfolded in a Barbour. The smell of the wax alone makes me feel like I'm home.

"For me Barbour has been part of my childhood, my coming of age, and I am extraordinarily proud that it is now part of my future."

Ms Chung came to prominence as co-host of the Channel 4 music programme Popworld, before moving to America to work on MTV.

She moved into fashion designing in 2009 and a suede skirt she launched for Marks & Spencer frequently sold out and saw waiting lists of thousands of shoppers build up while it was unavailable.

Paul Wilkinson, global commercial and marketing director at Barbour, said: "We are delighted to be working with Alexa Chung on this exciting collaboration. It combines Barbour's classic tradition with the fashion, style and wit of the Alexa Chung brand to create a very special collection that is practical, alluring and fun to wear, designed for festivals and a life outdoors."

Barbour, which was founded in 1884 and is still run by the founder's family, employs more than 150 people in South Shields and is one of the region's most recognisable brands on a national and international stage.

The company is best known for its waxed jackets, with their use in the 2006 film The Queen resulting in a boost in sales.

The Alexa Chung collection, which will go on sale in June with prices starting at £229, will be sold online and certain department stores.

> Designer Alexa Chung, who is working with Tyneside firm Barbour

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Talks from people who are blazing a trail in business

AS a region we often beat ourselves up for not singing from the rooftops about our many achievements.

We prefer to take a modest, let's-just-get-on-with-the-job approach to business life.

Here at the Chamber we work hard to help our members raise their profiles and shout about their achievements.

This positive promotion has the benefit of giving PR to the companies themselves but also encourages them to lead by example, inspiring other businesses.

One of the ways we support businesses to win more work and build their network is by our Chamber showcase event at the North East Expo.

This huge exhibition on May 2 at the Kingston Park Falcons Ground, is one of the largest shop windows we have in the region, with hundreds of business visitors and a substantial number of exhibitors.

We also always use this event as an opportunity to share the expertise we have in the Chamber.

Last year our chief executive James Ramsbotham, spoke about leadership qualities and what has shaped his own career successes.

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As part of this event we will be focusing on our Inspiring Females strand of work at a seminar when two businesswomen leaders will share their paths to success.

Entitled 'Bold Risks and a bit of Luck', the first of these talks will be from Julie Underwood, our international trade director who has travelled the globe in her role and started her travels in Russia when she was a student.

Julie will be followed by Paula Gascoigne, who heads up the Smile For life children's charity.

She left the banking sector to set up an inspirational charity from scratch and like Julie Underwood is a great example of entrepreneurship and leading from the front.

A further business talk from people blazing a trail will be by Oatein, a North Tyneside company which has recently appeared on Dragons' Den and is now stocked by a major national retailer.

We know from past experience the value of getting these positive stories out there and getting the chance to learn from challenges overcome.

The chances are that whatever a business is facing, or whether it is an opportunity they wonder how best to exploit, there will be a businessperson at the expo who can help.

We have great business stories and I for one am looking forward to this chance to hear them.

Ashley Carney is events executive for the North East England Chamber of Commerce

> The former rare! office in Gosforth

Agent's historic former premises on market

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ESTATE agent Duncan Young has put a historic building in Gosforth up for sale after relocating part of his business.

Until recently the Old Bank at 30 High Street had provided a base for Sanderson Young's rare! brand, a division created in 2002 to focus on the sale of luxury mansions.

Now, however, the prominent property – the former Midland Bank building – is up for sale with a price tag of £399,500 after the rare! team moved into the agency's office nearby at 95 High Street, Gosforth.

The former bank is owned by a pension fund acting on behalf of Mr Young and is on the market with the freehold or leasehold available. The building, which has 820sq ft feet of space in its front sales office and manager's office, has a small terrace and parking space.

It was granted planning permission for a first floor extension which has since lapsed, but could be renewed, the firm said.

Mr Young said: "We bought the freehold 17 years ago and it has provided a fabulous home to our business for many years, although with so many changes in estate agency taking place and the speed of communication now available through social media, fewer clients need to visit our premises.

"The larger building at 95 High Street accommodates a newly refurbished suite of offices for our rare! colleagues and Ashleigh, our manager, with her team are loving their new home.

"Clients are delighted with the move with many parking bays nearby and a fabulous coffee shop below providing a welcome drink to those who visit us. We look forward to meeting many of our past and current clients in our new boardroom to discuss their property requirements seven days a week."

The Newcastle estate agency business entered administration last September owing creditors more than £900,000.

The company was bought out of administration by a newly formed company, DG Young Limited, which was set up by Mr Young's wife, who is its only director. Mr Young continues to run the estate agency firm on a day-to-day basis.

> Duncan Young

Monthly market plan for former factory building

> The owners of the former factory approached Jim Mawdsley, who is leading a team in the creation of the Salt Market Social

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A FORMER factory on North Shields Fish Quay is set to be transformed into a street food, spirits and craft beer emporium.

The Salt Market Social will see the old Cosalt Factory on Liddell Street – next to the Prince of Wales pub and Wooden Dolly – host monthly indoor events featuring food, beers, DJs and artwork which is set to entice crowds from across the North East.

The regular events are the brainchild of Salt Market Company Ltd, which includes Jim Mawdsley, chief executive of creative development agency Generator, who has vast experience of producing independent cultural, music and arts festivals, including Evolution, the region's largest ever music festival.

Now Mr Mawdsley and the team want to combine their experience to create the Salt Market Social, which has been inspired by the likes of Newcastle's Boiler Shop Steamer and shipping container community By the River Brew Co in Gateshead.

Mr Mawdsley said: "When John Fairs and Barney Miller approached me for ideas for the first floor of the ex-Cosalt factory they had recently acquired I immediately thought of a pop-up monthly craft beer with street food affair.

"As I've spent lots of time across the UK in various cities, the Salt Market Social has been inspired by some amazing city centre offerings across the country, including the Peddler Market in Sheffield, Baltic Market in Liverpool and our very own Boiler Shop Steamer – and, of course, By the River in Gateshead."

> Generator CEO Jim Mawdsley

Mr Mawdsley said the Salt Market Social will harness a true spirit of independence and pop-up vibe on the last weekend of every month, while aiming to widen the area's growing offering and reputation as a leisure destination for visitors in the North East and beyond.

He said it will also reflecting the coastal industrial heritage by importing world street food from a host of North East eateries, including Asian, Mediterranean and Lebanese treats.

A full list of the firms taking part in the first event will be released nearer to the opening date.

Leading local breweries will feature at the inaugural event, set to take place from May 24 to May 27, with national favourites set to claim spots.

Neighbour Flash House Brewery has been selected to provide some 'house' beers and selected as the only brewery pouring on a permanent basis, and local gins and rum will also be on sale.

The team has also listed top North East DJs to perform, while Tyneside-based artists are transforming the blank industrial canvas inside the factory into a contemporary space with a festival feel that reflects its coastal heritage.

Mr Mawdsley added: "We thought that the coast and particularly the resurgent Fish Quay in North Shields was the perfect place for this offering and the attention we are already getting for the project is quite overwhelming."

The first Salt Market Social will be held from May 24 to May 27, opening from 5pm to 10.30pm on the Friday, noon to 10.30pm on the Saturday and Sunday and noon to 6pm on the Monday.

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Commercial Property

Upward trajectory for

Final stage of PII Pipeline's 'superb' HQ is completed

> Liz Roberts, Bowmer & Kirkland; Kevin Johnson, PII Pipeline Solutions; Matt Burgin, Stoford Developments

THE final stage of a multimillion-pound new Northumberland headquarters for PII Pipeline Solutions has been completed.

As well as serving up a 74,110 sq ft, two-storey office and manufacturing unit at North Nelson Industrial Estate in Cramlington, which opened in April last year, commercial property developer Stoford Developments has demolished PII Pipeline Solutions' old, adjacent building and levelled the plot ready for future redevelopment.

The completion marks the final stage of the development for PII Pipeline Solutions, one of the industry leaders in inspection and integrity services for gas and liquid pipelines.

Matt Burgin, joint managing director at Birmingham-based Stoford, said: "We are delighted to have led this project and to have completed all associated works. PII Pipelines Solutions has a superb headquarters, which was designed specifically to meet its needs."

LXi REIT plc contracted on the pre-let forward funding acquisition of the property, with a total funding commitment of £11.09m, reflecting a net initial yield of 5.75%.

The property is pre-let to BHGE's subsidiary, PII Ltd, whose lease obligations are guaranteed by its parent, GE UK Group.

PII Pipeline Solutions' regional manager and site leader Kevin Johnson said: "We are delighted to have completed the project on time and moved into our new facility. The facility will give us a platform to continue developing and building new technologies for the future and continue delivering innovative pipeline integrity solutions."

John White, partner of LXi REIT Advisors Limited, added: "This was a significant investment for the company, which signalled its commitment to the region by developing a new HQ."

Stoford Developments appointed Bowmer & Kirkland to complete all construction work, while PBM Demolition carried out all site demolition work.

New owners to take bistro business further

A POPULAR Tyneside restaurant is under new ownership with a new name after being sold in a deal by specialist property firm Christie& Co.

Florence Bar & Bistro in South Shields, has changed its name to Prima Restaurant and Lounge after being snapped up by a family firm which is expanding its North East operations.

Father-and-son duo Polat and Josh Akicek have bought the business, months after buying the leasehold of Prima Ristorante on Newcastle Quayside.

The pair, who have owned and operated many restaurants, bought the three-storey property in the city centre, which has up to 250 covers across the ground and first floor, last October and had been looking for a second property.

They plan to use their extensive experience in the sector to continue to build the business' multiple income streams, and have already brought in a new menu and introduced live music nights.

The former Florence Bar & Bistro, which is under new ownership

The South Shields property has been refurbished to a high and modern standard by the landlords – who originally bought the site to stop it from being acquired by developers – and occupies a prominent site off the busy Newcastle Road.

Trading as a bar, restaurant and events venue, the venue has an 80-cover dining area, 20-cover lounge and an extensive bar area with capacity for up to 150 standing or 70 seated guests.

Externally, there is a garden terrace at the back with seating for 40 and a lawn area with children's play equipment.

David Cash, senior business agent at Christie & Co handled the sale and said: "The sale of Florence Bar & Bistro highlights the strong demand for businesses that have depth and security via multiple income streams.

"Food, beverage and function trade make this a robust business and the location and outside seating capacity means there is potential for growth for the new owners, who we are sure will drive the business even further."

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business centre firms

> Glenn and Donna Cooper of QuickRebates, Denise Fielding of East Durham Business Service and Adam Smith of SSK Recruitment

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TWO growing North East businesses are moving to bigger offices to accommodate their continued expansion.

QuickRebates and SSK Recruitment are both based at the Novus Business Centre in Peterlee.

As each business has won new contracts, expanded their regional, national and international presence and added to their headcounts, they have outgrown their current offices and are now in the process of expanding.

Donna Cooper is co-partner at accountancy firm QuickRebates, which helps clients get money back from HM Revenue & Customs.

The organisation, which was launched two years ago by Mrs Cooper and her husband Glenn, now employs five people with plans for further recruitment and recently launched an accounting division, Edgemark Accounting, to support its expansion plans.

Edgemark Accounting has been launched to attract local accounting clients, as well as to offer a more professional platform for current clients that require more sophisticated and traditional accounting services.

She said: "Focus has been solely on client acquisition and ensuring the best possible customer service. Our philosophy is that our clients have a personal relationship with our individual staff members. Clients don't form relationships with faceless brands, they build relationships with kind and caring staff.

"With five people already employed and plans to strengthen our team in the coming months, we simply outgrew our current office and are in the process of moving to a bigger unit within Novus which will enable us to continue to grow."

Meanwhile SKK Recruitment, which was launched by Adam Smith, Paul Kelly and Bradley Saunders in March 2018, has opened a second office at Bishop Auckland and has plans to open offices in Dubai and Iraq later this year.

Alongside this growth, the company, a recruiter which specialises in the offshore, construction, industrial, and engineering sectors, is taking on a bigger office within Novus after outgrowing its current space.

Mr Smith said: "In just one year we have established ourselves as a leader within the recruitment industry and are doing particularly well winning international contracts, especially in the Middle East.

"The rapid expansion of our portfolio resulted in us opening a second office in Bishop Auckland, and we're now in the process of moving our Peterlee team to a bigger space which will enable us to continue to grow.

"It's an exciting time for the business and as a result of our growth overseas, we're also looking at the possibility of opening offices in Dubai and Erbil in Iraq later this year.

"With all the uncertainty surrounding Brexit, we decided to focus on building relationships in the Middle East and strengthening our footprint here. The margins are significantly higher in the Middle East than here in the UK and we've been lucky that through existing relationships we've formed with our current clients, they have in turn recommended us to other companies."

Novus Business Centre in Peterlee is home to around 20 businesses and offers flexible office space.

Operations director Denise Fielding said: "The beauty of Novus is that our space is flexible and means our tenants can easily up and downsize depending on their requirements.

"Both SSK Recruitment and QuickRebates are undergoing periods of significant growth and are in the process of moving into bigger space, which is great to see. We wish them the best of luck."

Majority of managers fail to grasp laws on flexibility

ONLY one in four managers fully understands that employees have a statutory right to request flexible working, a new study suggests.

The Chartered Management Institute said a survey of almost 1,000 managers indicated that only a third believed staff can ask to change where they are allowed to work, while half thought there was a right to request a change in hours.

The CMI said the statutory right allowing employees to request a change in hours, time or location, which was introduced almost five years ago, was not working.

Head of policy Rob Wall said: "Flexible working is good business sense. It helps attract and retain talent, improves employee engagement and boosts productivity.

"It can also help close the gender pay gap, which alone should be a wake-up call for the thousands of businesses that have seen their pay gap increase over the last 12 months.

"Line managers are key to making flexible working work.

"The fact that only one in four managers fully understands the existing right to request legislation shows the gap between the rhetoric around flexible working and the reality.

"The truth is that legislation can only take us so far in terms of shifting behaviours and attitudes.

"To reap the full benefits of flexible working, employers need to show genuine commitment and develop data-driven action plans which make flexible working a reality."

UK still tops EU's long hours table

BRITAIN'S long-hours culture is continuing, with workers putting in the longest hours in the EU.

According to a TUC study, full-time employees in this country worked an average of 42 hours a week last year, almost two more than the typical EU employee.

Workers in other countries, including Germany and Denmark, are more productive than their UK counterparts even though they work fewer hours, said the TUC.

The average full-time week in Britain has shortened by 18 minutes over the past decade, meaning it would take 63 years for Britons to get the same amount of free time as workers elsewhere in the EU, said the union body.

The TUC's Frances O'Grady said: "Britain's long hours culture is nothing to be proud of. It's robbing workers of a decent home life. Overwork, stress and exhaustion have become normal."

Electric vehicle charging station is a national first

The fast charging station on West Wear Street, Sunderland

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THE UK's first fast "filling station" for electric vehicles has opened in Sunderland city centre.

The new station, managed by Dutch group Fastned, is at West Wear Street, close to the Wearmouth Bridge and next to the A1018, one of Sunderland's busiest routes, used by more than 21,000 vehicles using it every day.

The station forms part of the Go Ultra Low NE program, a Government campaign led by North East Joint Transport Committee and funded by the European Regional Development Fund and the Office for Low-Emission Vehicles.

The station is open 24 hours a day seven days a week, and will initially be free to use.

The free charging will end at some point this year as soon as the payment system is activated, and from that moment an introductory price per kWh will be charged. Charging and paying will then be possible with a charge card, debit or credit card, Apple Pay and Android Pay.

Later in the year it will also be possible to charge with the Fastned App, making automatic charging possible in the UK for the first time.

The station has four 50kW fast chargers and two 175kW fast chargers that are already enabled for 350kW charging, the fastest charging rate in the UK. The chargers can be used by all fully electric vehicles, with cars able to charge for 350 miles in 20 minutes.

Sunderland's opening comes a year after it was first announced that 'filling stations' for electric cars would be built in both Newcastle and Sunderland city centres. A second city centre station on Wellington Street in Newcastle – close to St James' Park – is also planned.

The North East is seen as a leader in the use of electric vehicles, with Nissan's Sunderland plant producing the all-electric Leaf and a number of other companies in the region also leading the electric vehicle industry.

Coun Martin Gannon, chair of the Joint North East Transport Committee, said: "This is a tremendous asset for the North East. With another fast charging station under construction and five more smaller stations planned, we are making it easier for motorists who already drive electric vehicles and those who want to go green and make the switch to a more sustainable form of transport."

Coun Graeme Miller, leader of Sunderland City Council, added: "As host to the UK's first purpose-built high-power fast charging station, Sunderland continues to lead the way in the electromobility industry.

"Along with other private and public charge point developments currently under way, these rapid charging stations will help further establish the North East of England as a leader in electric mobility.

"It's also very good news for the electric drivers in this region. The stations can provide electric freedom and ease of travelling for local commuters, commercial fleets and travellers passing through the region."

Michiel Langezaal, co-founder and chief executive of Fastned, said: "We are pleased that we have built this first Fastned fast charging station in the United Kingdom in cooperation with NECA, and that local and regional electric drivers can now use this charging facility.

"Sunderland is a symbolic city for electric driving, since the factory where the Nissan Leaf is produced is located here. Nissan was one of the first EV manufacturers to launch with the Leaf; an affordable, mass-produced electric car."

> *As host to the UK's first purpose-built high-power fast charging station, Sunderland continues to lead the way in the electromobility industry*
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> **Coun Graeme Miller**

> Gilly Hope hosted the inaugural Best Places to Work Awards at The Biscuit Factory, Newcastle

Employers who give the most to be recognised

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COMPANIES around the North East are being encouraged to put themselves forward in a drive to find the region's best places to work.

The Journal launched its first Best Places to Work campaign last year, with an event celebrating companies that look after their workforce held alongside the publication of a Top 50 list of the region's top employers.

Gateshead College took the top spot last year, with companies including Muckle LLP, Ubisoft Reflections and Egger also winning recognition for their work in looking after their workforce.

This year the Best Places to Work event will take place at the Biscuit Factory in Newcastle on June 13.

Prizes will be awarded to the region's best large, medium, small and not-for-profit companies, with award categories including best workplace perk, best office, best boss and best community involvement.

Journal business editor Graeme Whitfield said: "We know from last year how great it was to see companies coming together to celebrate the things they do to make life better for their employees.

"One of the ways the North East can set itself apart from other regions is through its quality of life and we want that to apply to the time people are at work as well as when they are not.

"We're hoping that as many companies as possible enter the awards so that we can highlight those firms that go the extra mile to reward their workforces and look after them."

Entries for this year's awards are now open at www.chroniclelive.co.uk/all-about/best-places-to-work.

Businesses will be judged on a number of criteria, including how they look after their staff's health; the role each company plays in their communities; perks, benefits and bonuses offered to staff; and efforts to provide a good work-life balance.

Directors' body in regional merger

THE Institute of Directors is to merge its North East and Yorkshire regions to create a more powerful lobbying voice.

The enlarged IoD North East region will have one regional committee and six branches that support local business communities.

Jon Geldart, IoD chair in Yorkshire and the Humber, becomes chair of the new IoD North East region, with Dr Joanna Berry, former North East chair, becoming vice-chair.

The new organisation will have four branches in Yorkshire, while the current North East region will be split into two representing the north and south of the Tyne.

Mr Geldart said: "The IoD exists to inspire business with knowledge, guidance and support. We also have a crucial role as an organisation which can ensure that regional business is represented in the corridors of power.

"By creating a single region for Yorkshire and the North East and building on the strength and diversity that exists across this area, we will have a much more powerful voice." Dr Berry said: "We are passionate about collaboration between businesses.

"By creating new branches for the North and South of the Tyne we will get even closer to members.

"At the same time, those businesses will have an enlarged network with which to engage and seek fresh opportunities.

"The merger has been received with unanimous positivity by our committee members and we are excited about building on our combined strengths."

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TEESSIDE law firm Archers Law has announced the promotion of six staff members as part of its commitment to developing talent within the business.

Rachel List and Daniel Flounders, who were executive associates, have been made partners. Gillian Haines has been promoted to associate licensed conveyancer, while Helen Hunt, Joanne McHale-Young and Katie Wigham have become associate solicitors.

Partner Vicky Browning said: "The firm wished to offer a better structured career path to those individuals who we see or have an ambition as managers of the firm in the longer term, either as potential partners or senior non-partners.

"Rachel and Dan had progressed to executive associate status in 2017, which set them on the Path to Partnership program. Gillian, Katie, Joanne and Helen have shown exceptional legal expertise in their field."

> Promotions at Archers Law: Rachel List, Daniel Flounders, Katie Wigham, Gillian Haines, Helen Hunt and Joanne McHale-Young

> Stephen Robinson, Samuel Phillips Law

NORTH East planning specialist Hedley Planning Services has promoted Joe Ridgeon to director.

The move will see him working alongside managing director Sean Hedley on the growth of the Hexham firm, as well as new business development and strategic planning matters for residential and commercial clients.

Mr Ridgeon brings more than 10 years' experience and expertise in planning to Hedley.

Mr Hedley said: "Joe's promotion is well-deserved. Since joining us, our clients have benefitted from his strategic insight, development management experience, and creative approach to finding sustainable solutions for developing estates, land and assets.

"He has a commitment to quality and has given a vast contribution to both our existing and new clients."

RECRUITMENT firm Jackson Hogg has appointed Scot McHarg as its new head of executive search.

Mr McHarg joined the recruitment industry in 2007 and has worked for public and private sector clients of all sizes.

He said: "Having really enjoyed my time working with two of the larger regional recruitment businesses, I was really excited by the opportunity to join Jackson Hogg at a time when they are growing so rapidly.

"I know the owners Richard Hogg and Anthony Broadhead very well and was really attracted by the growth and success they'd achieved over the past seven years and in particular reassured by their continued commitment to staff wellbeing and development."

NEWCASTLE law firm Samuel Phillips Law, which is in its 100th anniversary year, has appointed two partners as part of plans to strengthen its senior team.

Stephen Robinson, head of the firm's wills, probate and trusts department and Jane Fiddes, head of residential property at the firm, have both been promoted to partners.

Ms Fiddes originally joined Samuel Phillips Law as a trainee, and qualified with the firm in 2002. She first specialised in family law, moving on to other regional law firms and re-joined as an associate in October 2016.

Mr Robinson joined the firm as an assistant solicitor in family law, and moved to the wills, probate and trusts department in 2015. He was promoted to associate in 2016 and is now partner and head of his five-strong department.

Robert Gibson, senior partner at Samuel Phillips Law, said: "Jane and Stephen thoroughly deserve their appointments, having both made important contributions to Samuel Phillips Law's growth and success, and to their clients for whom they carry out work."

ACCOUNTANTS Armstrong Watson have appointed Becky Bowness as corporate tax director.

Ms Bowness has joined the firm from PwC, having spent the last six years in its London office. She has extensive experience advising entrepreneurial businesses of all sizes including listed businesses and international groups across all sectors.

She said: "I am excited to join Armstrong Watson's growing and ambitious tax team, the passion to developing this practice to be a flagship tax advisory firm in the region is inspiring. There are some fantastic businesses across the North and I look forward to providing them with the quality of advice and support they deserve.

"I am committed to supporting Armstrong Watson's vision to grow our tax advisory team. I loved working across the region at the start of my career and I feel I have really come home now."

PD PORTS has welcomed a new member of staff to its 1,000-plus strong team, following his successful completion of a training programme with Stockton Riverside College and the Tees Valley Logistics Academy.

Michael Chapman was studying a BTEC Level 3 in Electrical Engineering when he attended a workshop with the Logistics Academy. Since completing his apprenticeship, he has been offered a full-time warehouse operative role at PD Ports.

Frans Calje, CEO at PD Ports said: "We're delighted to welcome Michael to the company permanently. We have a firm belief in nurturing local talent and keeping it here in the North East, which will secure our future workforce and also support the thriving businesses in the Tees Valley.

"Michael is one of many apprentices that have joined us on a full-time basis and we look forward to seeing him progress."

> Jane Fiddes, Samuel Phillips Law

> Joe Ridgeon, Hedley Planning Services

> PD Ports has welcomed Michael Chapman to its team

> Becky Bowness, corporate tax director

> Scot McHarg, Jackson Hogg

Cost levels key to dairy success

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LOWER costs are driving profits on top dairy farms, according to a report from the Agriculture and Horticulture Development Board (AHDB).

The organisation's latest Dairy Performance Report has found that margins on the top quarter of dairy farms were up to 12 pence per litre (ppl) higher than the bottom quartile.

The report examined data for all-year-round, autumn and spring block calving herds across the UK. The top 25% and middle 50% of farms across all calving systems made a positive full economic net margin.

Kate Ward, AHDB farm economics senior analyst, said: "The report shows a significant variation in cost between farms and emphasises the importance of sound cost management to ride out any future milk price volatility."

The most profitable farms delivered consistently higher margins and lower costs regardless of calving pattern, although there was some variation:

- Top all-year-round calving herds made 12ppl more margin than the bottom 25% and costs were 10.5ppl lower. Margin was 9.2ppl higher and costs 9ppl lower for the top autumn-calving herds compared with the bottom quartile;
- The best spring calvers delivered 10.9ppl more margin and 8.4ppl lower costs than poorer performing herds;
- The main cost drivers for the difference in net margin between the top and bottom farms were herd replacements, feed and forage, power and machinery and unpaid labour.

Ms Ward added: "The report enables dairy farmers to compare their own business with others operating the same system and helps them identify areas where changes can improve profit margins."

The report also looked at the performance of farms in major dairy-exporting nations and found a similar pattern with profit associated with lower production costs.

A typical UK farm compared well on overhead costs, but spent considerably more on machinery than its international competitors.

Ms Ward said: "The most profitable farms do not look the same. The key is to operate the system that suits you, your surroundings and your market, and to do it well."

Full economic net margin and full economic cost of production are two of the key financial performance indicators identified by as important for improving dairy farm competitiveness by the AHDB.

MARTS

HEXHAM
April 16

Cattle

Prime Cattle

Charolais Heifers – £1246.56, £1223.48, £1160.33 & £1156.97 Flotterton 209.5p, 205.5p, 202.5p & 185.5p Flotterton

OTM

A small entry this week with a good show forward. Better cows slightly dearer and leaner cows maintained last week's high rates, and still in demand.

Limousin – £1124.48 Bog Hall, £1097.33 Swarland Old Hall, £941.25 East Matfen, £935 Cooper House 159.5p Bog Hall, 149.5p Swarland Old Hall, 137.5p Cooper House, 125.5p East Matfen

Charolais - £1015.28 & 129.5p Luns House

British Blue – £1142.27 & 140.5p East Matfen

Simmental - £949.24 & £897.44 Luns House 129.5p (x2) Luns House

Prime Sheep

Prime Lambs

A few more new season lambs forward selling to a top of £119 and 305.1p from M/s A&CL Bell, Woodhall.

Texel x – £112 Grange House & Woodhall, £110 Flotterton, £109 Grange Farm, £106 Grange Farm (x2), £105 & £103 Flotterton 287.2p Grange House, 282.1p & 276.3p Flotterton, 273.2p Woodhall, 247.7p, 240.9p & 235.6p Grange House, 234.1p Flotterton

Suffolk x – £119 & £112 Woodhall 305.1p & 273.2p Woodhall

Prime Hoggs

A better show of hoggs overall sold well to average 207.7p (up 3p on the week) to a top of 276.6p from Breckon Hill.

Texel x – £108, £105 (x2), £103 & £100 (x2) Hilltop, £98 Blackburn & Keepwick, £97.50 Blackburn, £97 Blackburn & Dalton Hill Head, £96.50 Blackburn, £96 Dalton Hill Head, £95 Hilltop & Lough Green, £94.50 Blackburn, £94 Breckon Hill, Hilltop & Palm Strothers, £93 Palm Strothers, £92 Hilltop, £91.50 & £91 Palm Strothers, £89 Blackburn & Palm Strothers, £88.50 Breckon Hill, £87 Low Staples & Hilltop 276.5p Breckon Hill, 257.1p & 250p (x3) Hilltop, 233.3p Keepwick, 232.4p Breckon Hill, 231.7p & 223.8p Hilltop, 221.4p Palm Strothers, 221.3p Breckon Hill, 219.1p Hilltop, 211.9p Palm Strothers, 209.8p, 202.4p & 202.3p Hilltop, 198.9p Palm Strothers, 196.1p Hilltop, 195p Blackburn, 194.4p Palm Strothers, 194p Dalton Hill Head, 193.9p Lough Green, 193.2p Hilltop, 192.2p Blackburn, 192.1p & 190.5p Breckon Hill

Suffolk x – £100 Keepwick, £92 & £90 Dalton Hill Head, £84 & £83 Low Staples 175.4p Keepwick, 166p Low Staples, 163.6p & 161.4p Dalton Hill Head

Beltex x – £106 & 216.3p Lough Green Charollais x - £89 Blackburn, £87 Hilltop 207.1p Hilltop

Bleu D'Maine x - £89.50 & £74 Low Staples 213.1p & 189.7p Low Staples

Vendeen x - £96 & £94 (x2) Dalton Hill Head 180.8p (x2) & 171.4p Dalton Hill Head

Mule – £80 Palm Strothers, £75 Runnymede & Palm Strothers, £74 Breckon Hill 182.9p Runnymede, 178.6p Palm Strothers, 164.4p Breckon Hill

Blackface - £70 Nilston Rigg, £65 Runnymede 154.8p Runnymede

Cast Ewes and Rams

Texel x – £79 Fairspring (x2), £60 Dalton Hill Head

ACKLINGTON
April 15

North East Livestock Sales had an entry of 70 store cattle and calves, all classes a sharper trade.

Calves

Limousin blks 1060, 980, 910 South Barlow, 930 Norwoods, Angus blks 1035 Hazon House, 910 Fowberry, Simmental blks 980 Fowberry, Short Horn blks 910, 740 Rayheugh, British Blue blks 780 Hauxley, Limousin hfr 800 Norwoods, British Blue hfrs 800 Hauxley.

Cattle

Limousin x blks 1060, 1040, 1035 West Hall, Limousin hfrs 1075, 1020, 1000, 975 West Hall.

DARLINGTON
April 15

Darlington Farmers held its annual Junior Farmers Overwintering competition in conjunction with their weekly sale of cast cattle, store and breeding stock. Forward were 450 Cattle and 217 Sheep.

81 Cast Cattle & OTM sold to 190ppk and £1374

157 Store Steers sold to £1450

143 Store Heifers sold to £1320

69 Young Bulls sold to £1115

91 Store Hoggs sold to £96

49 Ewes with Lambs sold to £215

Junior Farmers - Huge credit must go this year to our budding young farmers as they earned themselves a record average profit of £255 per beast, bought in the backend of 2018 it was noticeable that the youngsters bid more cautiously than usual and they had all certainly farmed them very well indeed this time around.

The morning show classes were kindly judged by Ricky Alder of M F Hall, Ponteland who capably carried out the task of allocating rosettes and a huge prize offering which totalled £850. Winner of the show championship and £100 was a beautiful Limousin heifer brought out to perfection by 19 year old Ben Cowton of Low West House, Tow Law; the fabulous daughter of Beulah Esquire was bought at the October suckled calf sale from the Stones family of Nun Cote Nook Farm, Marrick.

Picked as Reserve Champion (£50 prize) was another Limousin heifer, this one came from our youngest competitor 8 year old Callum Dent of South Thornberry Farm, Bowes with a tremendous sort also purchased from the Nun Cote Nook herd, this one in November 2018.

The highly acclaimed prize of £100 for the largest increase in value was this year won by 17 year old Elliot Grieves of Oakdene, Stockton-On-Tees when his smart buy of a Limousin steer from R Stelling of Holme Farm, Toft Hill back in November earned him an increase of an impressive £400. The showmanship award of £150 was easy for the judge to decide, the clear winner for his presentation of both himself and his beast was rightly awarded to Ben Cowton, £100 for 2nd prize went to Callum Dent and the £50 3rd prize rounded off a superb day for Elliot Greaves.

Show Results

Class 1 Best Limousin Steer: 1st Elliot Grieves, Oakdene sold to Robert Matten, Thirsk for £1080; 2nd Matthew Dent, South Thornberry sold to John Hall, Darlington for £1030; 3rd Amberlea Jackson, Hollyhills Gardens sold to Keith Norman, Marske-by-the-Sea for £940.

Class 2 Best British Blue Steer: 1st Ben Cowton, Low West House sold to Jeremy Waind, Malton for £1280; 2nd Daniel Newman, Cordilleras Farm sold to Richard Dennis, Thirsk for £1150.

Class 3 Best Heifer shown by a vendor under 18: 1st Callum Dent, South Thornberry sold to Ricky Alder, Ponteland for £1060; 2nd Matthew Dent, South Thornberry sold to Keith Tallentire, Cockfield for £1130; 3rd Callum Dent, South Thornberry sold to Imogen Hirst, Neasham for £1000.

Class 4 Best Heifer shown by a vendor 18 and over: 1st Ben Cowton, Low West House sold to Ricky Alder, Ponteland for £1320; 2nd Emma Watson, East Thorn Farm sold to Ricky Alder, Ponteland for £1250; 3rd Emma Walton, Low Hail sold to Ricky Alder, Ponteland for £1120.

Showmanship Class: 1st Ben Cowton, Low West House; 2nd Callum Dent, South Thornberry; 3rd Elliot Grieves, Oakdene.

Steer with the highest increase in value: 1st Elliot Grieves, Oakdene sold to Michael Robinson, Staindrop for £1290 an increase of £400; 2nd Elliot Grieves, Oakdene sold to Robert Matten, Thirsk for £1080 an increase of £380; 3rd Jack Barker, Little Ketton sold to Peter Cheesbrough, Barmpton for £1450 an increase of £375.

Heifer with the biggest increase in value: 1st Matthew Dent, South Thornberry sold to Keith Tallentire, Cockfield for £1130 an increase of £350; 2nd Callum Dent, South Thornberry sold to Imogen Hirst, Neasham for £1000 an increase of £325; 3rd Ben Cowton, Low West House sold to Ricky Alder, Ponteland for £1320 an increase of £320.

Store Cattle - As expected the junior farmers dominated the leading prices this week with some real quality and size on offer.

Top priced heifer was the aforementioned heifer from Ben Cowton when she sold for £1320 whilst the two leading steers both came from Jack Barker of Little Ketton Farm, Coatham Munderville; Jack once again proved he has an old head on his 17 year old shoulders when he made his wiley purchases in the backend and with no shortage of help from father David and Grandfather Alan produced a pair of gigantic 2 year old Limousin Steers which both sold for an incredible £1450 to P Cheesbrough, Barmpton Grange.

An increased entry of young bulls met with high demand this week with no less than 10 active buyers of bulls ringside, top of the tree was a 17 month old Aberdeen Angus from A & A G Moralee of Lowfield Farm, Willington when he sold to J & A Matten & Sons, Thirsk for £1115, a total of 12 bulls sold in to four figures on the day.

Store Bulls £1115 £980 £940 £910 £900 £890 £830 A&AG Moralee. £1090x2 £1070 £1060x2 B&B Kitching & Son. £1085 Wilkinson & Son. £1070 £1060 £1000 £995 W Chrystal & Partners. £1035x2 £950 D&PH Brown. £950 £930 £900 £835 C Leighton. £900x2 £780x2 JR&J Crowe. £815 JN Watson. £815x2 G&L Wood. £805 £770x2 RW Raper & Sons.

Store Steers £1450x2 Jack Barker. £1290 £1080 Elliott Grieves. £1280 B Cowton. £1150 D Newman. £1130 £990x4 GH Watson & Son. £1110 £1080 £990 £980 R&W Todd. £1095 £1070 £1045x4 £1040x5 £965x6 RE Dickson. £1085 £1050 £1030 MJ Croft. £1080 G Corner. £1050x3 P Baker. £1035 Matthew Dent. £1010x3 £1000x2 F Hugill. £1000 G Williamson. £990 TT Hall & Son. £985 MW Bainbridge & Sons. £980 F Watson. £980 W Robson.

Store Heifers £1320 B Cowton. £1250 £1160 Emma Watson. £1190 £960 Wilkinson & Son. £1130 Matthew Dent. £1120 £1090 £1060 £1020 £1000 G Wall. £1120 Emma Walton. £1110 N Swinbank. £1060 £1015 £995 £980x2 TA Gibson. £1060 £1000 C Dent. £1050 £1010 F Watson. £1010 £980 C Watson. £1000 Dylan Robson. £990 £970 £900 £890 PJ Wiper. £980 R Potts. £970 £910 £905x2 MH Hodgson. £940x2 £930 P Baker. £940 GH Watson. £910 TW&G Corner. £900 £880 T&G Lee. £900 C&M Burnett. £900 £890 W Robson.

BUSINESS

SHARE WATCH

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BAE Sys ..... 509¾ +5¾
Chemring ..... 154 +⅝
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Rolls-Royce ..... 901¼+10¼
Senior ..... 226 +2

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Alliance ..... 772 +6
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Dunedin Inc ..... 272 +3
Edin IT ..... 646 +4
Electra Pr Eq ..... 345 +3½
F&C Inv ..... 700 +3
GreshamHs 510
Hendersn Alt Str273½ +3½
ICG Entrprse Tst 856 +2
JP Morgan Glb ... 220
JPM Clav ..... 714 -2
JPM Japan IT ... 410½ +7½
Law Debnture .... 600 +2
Merchant Tr ..... 500¼ +7
Monks ..... 882 +11
Murray Int 1180
N American Inc 1465 +20
Nrthrn 2 VCT 60
Nrthrn 3 VCT 85½
Nrthrn Venture 65½
Polar Cap Tst ... 1338 +14
RIT Cap ..... 2090 +5
Schroder Asian 367½ +2½
Scot Amer ..... 389 -2
Scot Invst ..... 807 +4
Scot Mortg ..... 530½ +7½
Temple Bar ..... 1352 +10
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Throg Tst ..... 528 +2
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BT Gp ..... 229¾ +2½
KCOM ..... 70¾ +⅛
Talktalk ..... 123⅝ +⅞

Food & Drug Rtl -0.1% ▼
Greggs ..... 1861 +9
Morrison (WM) 222⅞ -1½
Sainsbury ..... 231¼ -2⅞
Tesco ..... 249¾ +⅞

Food Producers -0.1% ▼
Ass Br Fd ..... 2529 -12
Cranswick ..... 2896 +4
Dairy Crest Gp. 620½
Devro ..... 182⅝ -2
Glanbia ..... 17⅞ -⅛
Tate & Lyle ..... 737¼ +2¼
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Forestry & Paper -2.5% ▼
Mondi ..... 1759 -45

General Financial +1.3% ▲
3i ..... 1068½ +5½
Brewin Dolph ..... 335 +3
Camellia ..... 10800 +200
Close Bros ..... 1605 +44
Coats Group ..... 82½ +¾
Lndn Stk Ex ..... 4936 +73
Man Group ..... 151¼ +2⅞
Prov Fincl ..... 516¾ +¼
Schroders ..... 3161 +72
Sotheby's (US$)..43¼ -15⅝

General Industrials +0.2% ▲
Smith (DS) ..... 352¼ -6¾
Smiths Gp ..... 1536½ +15

General Retailers +1.5% ▲
Ashley(L) ..... 2⅞ +⅛
Brown N ..... 109⅞ +3⅝
Carpetright ..... 13⅝ +
Dixons Crphone149½ +3⅝
Findel 165
Howden Jnry .... 523⅝ -2⅝
Inchcape ..... 615½ +5½
Kingfisher ..... 259½ +3¼
Lookers ..... 95¼ -¼
Marks & Sp ..... 281½ +2¼
Moss Bros ..... 21¼ +¼
Mothercare ..... 20¼ -¼
Next ..... 5732 +44
Pendragon ..... 25⅝ -1
WH Smith ..... 2136 +6

Health Care Svs +0.3% ▲
Consort Med ..... 908 +2
Smith&Nph ..... 1489 +7½
UDG Hlthcare .. 646½ +5½

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Barratt Devel ..... 623 +4¼
Bellway ..... 3226 +36
Bovis Homes ... 1125 +9
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Hill & Smith ..... 1300 -2
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Renold 30⅝
Rotork ..... 318½ +2
Spirax-Sarco .... 8040 +30
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Weir Gp ..... 1762½+41½

Ind Transportation +0.5% ▲
BBA Aviation .... 262⅝ +2¾
Clarkson ..... 2360 +10
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Media +1.1% ▲
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DMail&GenTst. 673¼ +3⅝
EuromnyInst 1250
IndNws&Mid ..... ⅛
Informa ..... 785¼ +3¼
ITV ..... 134¾ +1¾
Pearson ..... 825 -10¼
Reach ..... 63¾ -¾
RELX ..... 1668½ +20
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Wilmington ..... 198 -4
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Mining +0.2% ▲
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BHP Group .... 1909⅝ +6¾
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Rio Tinto ..... 4672½ -30

Mobile Telecoms +0.1% ▲
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Mrsh&McL ..... 95¾ +⅞
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Cairn Energy ..... 166 -¼
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ElectroCom ..... 627¼ +3
Experian ..... 2162 +5
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Homeserve ..... 1129 +25
Kin and Carta ..... 97 -¼
Macfarlane ..... 96½ -½
Menzies J. ..... 485 -3
MITIE ..... 121⅞ -¼
Mngmnt Cns ..... 1⅞ +
Northgate ..... 373 -2
Rentokil ..... 368 +1¼
Ricardo ..... 710 +10
Serco ..... 123⅝ -2¼
Travis Pk ..... 1429½ +2½
Vp ..... 830 +40

Tech Hardw & Eqp +1.5% ▲
BATM Ad Com .... 47⅞ +⅝
Northamber 29
Spirent Cms .... 146¼ +2¼

Tobacco 0% ●
BritAmerTob ..... 3127 +3½
Imperial Brnds . 2503 -12

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Compass ..... 1725½ -28
EI Group ..... 213¾ +4¼
FirstGroup ..... 100 -⅛
Fuller ST A ..... 1120 -12½
Go-Ahead Gp ... 1892 +2
Greene King ..... 659 -1⅝
IntercontHtls ... 4879 +40
Intl Cons Airl ..... 553 +9⅝
Marston's ..... 99⅝ -⅞
Mill & Copth ..... 444 -8
Mtchlls&Btlrs .. 266½ -3½
Nat Express .... 412⅝ -1⅝
Rank ..... 158¼ -2¾
Restrnt Gp ..... 129⅝ +3⅝
Sportech ..... 35¾ -⅝
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Thomas Cook ..... 25 +¼
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Utilities -0.2% ▼
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National Grid ... 819⅝ -1¼
Pennon ..... 740 +7¾
Severn Trnt .... 1974½ +12
Utd Utilities ..... 824 -⅝

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600 Gp ..... 13⅝ +⅛
Abbey 14½
ADVFN 25
AndrSykes 615
Aortech Intl 73½
Celtic 162½
Clear Leisure ..... ⅜ -
Earthport 36½
Eckoh ..... 39½ +1¼
Filtronic 8⅝
Forbidden Tc ..... 6¼ -⅛
Gooch&Hsgo ... 1350 +10
IG Design Gp ..... 604 +14
Immunodg S 175
Lok'n Store ..... 489½ -6½
London Sec 1940
Mirada ..... ¾
Nichols ..... 1697½+22½
On-line 133
Parkmead Gp ..... 71⅝ +1⅜
Proteome Sci ..... 2⅝ -¼
Publishing Tech . 126
Renew Hdgs ..... 393 +3
Scapa ..... 372 +2
Shore Capital 225
Sigma Capital .. 107½
Tiziana Life Sci ... 51½
Vela Tech ..... ⅛
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52 WEEK HIGH	DATE	LOW	DATE	STOCK	SECTOR	PRICE		VARIATION DAY	5 Dy	P/E	Y'LD
55	3008	24	2702	Applied Graph	AIM	30½				0.00	0.00
625¾	0404	434	1712	Barratt Devel	Household Goods	623	xd	+4¼	+17¾	9.36	4.40
3433	1505	2419	1012	Bellway	Household Goods	3226		+36	+150	7.58	4.60
173	2602	130	2903	Carrs Group	Food Producers	151		+8½	-2½	11.66	3.20
8¼	0309	2¾	2203	e-Therapeutics	AIM	3			-⅛	0.00	0.00
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2078	2202	1388	1607	Go-Ahead Gp	Travel & Leisure	1892	xd	+2	+6	10.41	5.40
322	1705	205¾	2712	Grainger	Real Estate	256¾		+⅛	+11	13.53	2.10
1861	1604	942	2407	Greggs	Food & Drug Retailers	1861		+9	+31	28.54	1.90
363	0606	274	0301	Hargreaves Services	AIM	298		-1	-3	18.44	2.40
269	1005	167½	1103	Immunodiagnostic Sys	AIM	175				41.70	1.00
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85	2007	63	1004	Northern Bear	AIM	66¼			+3¼	6.10	6.00
446⅝	1307	360	2112	Northgate	Support Services	373		-2	+3	11.54	4.70
28½	1401	21	0211	Petards Group	AIM	23½			-1½	11.70	0.00
716¾	0304	525⅝	2410	Sage Group	Software & Computer Services	711⅝		+3¼	+5¼	26.11	2.30
253½	0504	195	2509	SCS Group	General Retailers	245		-3½	-6	9.17	6.60
83	1504	15½	3004	Shield Therapeutics	AIM	78½		-4½	+7	0.00	0.00
103½	1401	103½	1401	TOC Property	Equity Investment Instruments	103½				22.80	5.80
52	1906	33½	2703	Vertu Motors	AIM	35⅛		+⅛	+⅛	5.63	4.30
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526	3007	302½	2612	Zytronic	AIM	355		+12½	+15	15.65	6.70

REPORTED YESTERDAY

Company Name	Period	Profit/Loss	Dividend
No data reported.			

REPORTING TODAY

Finals: AFI Development Plc, Serica Energy.
Interims: None Scheduled.
AGMs & EGMs: Dialight, Harwood Wealth Management Group, Hunting, Drax Group.

NOTE: List is not necessarily comprehensive as companies are not obliged to notify the Stock Exchange of imminent announcements

MARKET UPDATE

Tourist rates

Australia	1.7357	dollars
Canada	1.6697	dollars
Egypt	20.05	pounds
Euro	1.105	euro
Hong Kong	9.7365	dollars
India	80.24	rupees
Israel	4.2014	shekels
Japan	139.41	yen
New Zealand	1.8036	dollars
Norway	10.60	krone
Pakistan	174.21	rupees
Poland	4.3522	zlotys
Saudi Arabia	4.5885	riyals
Singapore	1.6515	dollars
South Africa	17.26	rand
Sweden	11.58	krona
Switzerland	1.252	francs
Thailand	37.22	baht
Turkey	7.2146	new lira
USA	1.2497	dollars

Popular shares

6525	4955½	AstraZeneca	6015	+21
216⅝	146⅛	Barclays	167⅞	-¼
264⅝	203	BT Gp	229⅞	+2½
2192	1570½	Experian	2162	+5
1621⅝	1407¾	GlaxoSmithKline	1554¾	+4¾
745¼	600¼	HSBC Hldgs	662¼	+6¾
5214¼	4145¾	Intercontl Htls	4879	xd+40
726¾	504	Intl Cons Airl	553	+9⅝
67⅛	50	Lloyds Banking Gp	65⅞	xd +⅝
314½	242⅜	Marks & Spencer	281½	+2¼
291⅝	241⅜	Mitchells & Butlers	266½	-3½
1954½	1340	Prudential	1748½	xd+46½
2841	2227	Ryl Dutch Shell B	2492	+1½
716¾	525⅝	Sage Group	711⅝	+3¼
341½	223¾	Sainsbury	231¼	-2⅞
266¼	189½	Tesco	249¾	+⅜
4486	3861	Unilever	4372	+26
214	131⅜	Vodafone	142⅝	+¼

World index

FTSE 100 Up 33.05 at 7469.92 ▲	Sterling Index Unchanged at 79.61	Gold fix Down $9.40 at $1276.30 ▼
Pound/Euro Down 0.0034 at 1.1555 ▼	Pound/Dollar Down 0.0056 at 1.3049 ▼	SEAQ trading volume yesterday 4253.392m

▲ Hong Kong	30129.87	+319.15
▲ Tokyo	22221.66	+52.55
▲ Frankfurt	12101.32	+81.04
▲ New York	26431.72	+46.95

Key indicators

Base rate (Mar)		0.75pc
Nationwide bse mge rate		4.24pc
Gold (London)	$1276.30 oz	-$9.40
Oil Brent (Jan)	$71.18 brl	-$0.37

Inflation		month	year
RPI (Aug 87=100)	285.0	+0.7	+2.5%
RPIX (target 2.5%)	285.4	+0.7	+2.4%
CPI (Jul 15=100, tgt 2%)	106.8	+0.4	+1.8%
Halifax house price index			
All (Dec)	731.4	-1.4%	+2.5%
Unemployment Nov-Jan			1.34m

> The dramatic skyline of Hong Kong

Local university with a strong presence overseas

The University of Sunderland's Vice Chancellor has been visiting the institution's Hong Kong campus to embrace the 'global student community'

THOUSANDS of international students are changing their lives after gaining qualifications from the University of Sunderland (UoS).

Currently there are more than 6,000 students in different countries across the world studying for a UoS qualification.

The figures are revealed as the University's new Vice Chancellor, Sir David Bell, makes his first visit to the institution's Hong Kong campus.

Sir David said: "The University rightly prides itself on being a global institution. As well as students from over 100 countries studying in Sunderland and London, we have a strong presence overseas.

"Our Hong Kong campus has over 600 students studying there. We offer a wide variety of programmes, usually to people in work who want to enhance their job prospects. Our location in the business district puts us in an excellent position to respond to the changing needs and demands of both employers and employees.

"I am also meeting some of our transnational education partners in Hong Kong, Singapore and Malaysia. Through these relationships, and many others, over 6,000 students worldwide are studying for Sunderland qualifications. Add in over 1,000 students who are independent distance learners with us and you get a sense of the scale of our operation internationally.

"Making all of this happen requires dedicated staff, both in the UK and elsewhere. Fortunately, we

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J2 Agenda

Time out EXTRA

who, what, where, when?

WHO was the English children's author who married Trotsky's secretary Evgenia Shelepina?
WHAT type of fruit does a damson tree produce?
WHERE is the second most populous city of the United States?
WHEN was Alfred Milner appointed governor of the Cape Colony?

remember when...

The following events all occurred in a year in living memory. Can you guess the year?
1. Bill Murray starred in Groundhog Day
2. Ace Of Base had a UK No 1 single with All That She Wants
3. Actor River Phoenix died
4. Kim Campbell became the first female Prime Minister of Canada

impossipuzzles

"YOU and your wife Betty, and a boy," Charlie commented. "But he's not your son?"

"No, Betty's brother Ted," Dave replied. "That was taken a year ago, when Ted was half as old as Betty, and I was one and a half times as old as she was. It's odd that our three ages now total the square of our son's age."

How old is Dave's son?

wordwise

The word may sound familiar, but what does it mean?

LOBLOLLY
A Stolen money
B Ship's gruel
C Vegetable stew

who am I?

A playwright, I was born in Omagh in 1929. In 1980 I set up the Field Day Theatre Company. I first achieved international acclaim in 1964 with Philadelphia, Here I Come!, and my subsequent works include Faith Healer and Dancing at Lughnasa.

10 questions

1. Tyneside and Gateshead will host which international sporting event this August?
2. In which century was the corkscrew invented?
3. Which boy king was one of the 'Princes in the Tower' reputedly murdered in the Tower of London in the late 1400s?
4. With which art form is Ansel Adams associated?
5. Robert Chambers became the English rowing champion on this day in 1859 by winning a race to Scotswood which began at which bridge?
6. Which Gaelic word is used for a social event focused on dancing to traditional music?
7. Which comedian presents the BBC Radio 4 comedy panel show I'm Sorry I Haven't a Clue?
8. Where in the body is the piriformis muscle?
9. The northernmost point of South America lies in which country?
10. The name of which character from Dickens's Martin Chuzzlewit became an alternative word for an umbrella?

answers

WHO WHAT WHERE WHEN: Arthur Ransome; Plums (Damsons are a subspecies); Los Angeles; 1897.
REMEMBER WHEN: 1993
IMPOSSIPUZZLES: Son is aged 9 years (Dave 40 years).
WORDWISE: B
WHO AM I: Brian Friel
10 QUESTIONS: 1 World Transplant Games, 2 17th, 3 Edward V, 4 Photography, 5 High Level, 6 Ceilidh, 7 Jack Dee, 8 Buttock, 9 Colombia, 10 Gamp (Mrs)

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are very well-served in that respect."

Two years ago the university's international footprint took a big step forward when it launched the Hong Kong campus.

Officially opened on March 2, 2017, the campus helped break the mould in terms of international student opportunities.

Based in the heart of Central, Hong Kong, the campus enables students to attain a globally recognised degree from a UK university.

Students who are based in the Asia campus are encouraged to take that important step in broadening their own international footprint.

The learners can opt to study a semester or two in the UK – at either the university's London Campus or in the North East – gaining vital networking opportunities and future career contacts.

The campus offers a variety of courses for students from Bachelors' degrees with honours to top up degrees and post-graduate programmes.

No stranger to Asia, the university has had long-standing success for the past 20 years, having partnered with HKU Space and Hong Kong College of Technology.

> Students from the University of Sunderland's Hong Kong campus

> Vice Chancellor of the University of Sunderland Sir David Bell talking to students in Hong Kong

FACTFILE

Hong Kong is the world's most densely populated city. But did you know:

- 1. The name 'Hong Kong' is Cantonese for 'fragrance harbour'.
- 2. The Hong Kong Special Administrative Region consists of Hong Kong Island, Kowloon, the New Territories, and several other smaller islands.
- 3. The Hong Kong's Peak Tram became the first rail tram in Asia in 1888. About 11,000 people ride the tram every day translating into 4 million people annually.
- 4. The main languages (official) spoken in Hong Kong are Chinese Cantonese and English.
- 5. Unlike what many people think, about three quarters of Hong Kong's landmass is rural. It consists of 24 parks, woodlands, reservoirs, hills and a coastline. These beautiful parks are easily accessible from the city.
- 6. Hong Kong is one of the richest cities in the world. It has more Rolls Royce's per person than any other city in the world.
- 7. Did you know that the father of fiber optics, the glass cables that have so significantly changed how we communicate is called Professor Charles Kao from Hong Kong? The professor is also a winner of the Physics Nobel Prize in 2009.
- 8. HK has more skyscrapers than any other city in the world. A skyscraper is any building with more than 14 storeys. It has twice as many as its nearest rival - the New York City.
- 9. Poon Choi, a Chinese New Year's dish that has 10 different ingredients served into one pot is the most popular dish in HK's restaurants.
- 10. Since the Opium War of 1842 to July 1, 1997, Hong Kong was under British Rule. Today, it is a special administration region of China.

CASE STUDY

Name: Sham Kin Tat Kinder

Campus: University of Sunderland Hong Kong

Programme: MSc Data Science

Job: System Analyst, China Life Insurance Ltd

Winner of: 'Best New Innovation 2019' at the 2019 MPF Awards

Sham helped develop a customer service robot for China Life called "Jarvis". Jarvis can answer questions, queries about fund prices, and take photos with customers. He also uses speech-to-text to identify whether the client speaks Mandarin.

So, Sham, how did you feel when found out you had won the award?

I'm happy because I spent more than a year researching and improving the speed of the response.

What inspired you in your work?

This is a special opportunity. At the end of 2016, I moved from the infrastructure team to the innovation team for special reasons. The first project was the Pepper robot – the original name of Jarvis. At that time, I felt that the robot's response was not ideal, I improved it and changed it.

Did the programme you studied at Sunderland HK contribute to your success and winning the award?

Yes, for example, the data I collected can be used for analysis and making improvements.

Why did you choose University of Sunderland in HK?

Because I am very interested in machine learning, when I saw the advertisement on Facebook, I asked and then signed up.

What advice would you give to other students?

Don't be afraid to fail. If you don't try, you will never know the result.

A day to treasure for man of music

Tomorrow, 93 men and women will receive a very special honour. RICHARD KIRKMAN spoke to one recipient of Maundy Money from the Queen

> Ernie Scott with his late wife Gill and some of the trophies she won for singing and, right, at home in North Shields

ERNIE Scott can remember his first times at St Peter's Church in North Shields. But he acknowledges that it was a long time ago. Seventy years, in fact.

Several thousand services later, Ernie is preparing to travel south. Tomorrow he will receive Maundy Money from the Queen at Windsor. It is, of course, something of which he is extraordinarily proud.

The Royal Maundy is an ancient ceremony, inspired by the Bible. On the day before Good Friday, Jesus washed the feet of his disciples and commanded them to 'Love one another'. By the 13th century the Royal Family was taking part in similar ceremonies. By washing the feet of the poor and giving money and gifts, they were showing humility and compassion.

Henry IV decided to give the same number of gifts as his age and Charles II turned it into a ceremony, handing out undated hammered coins in 1662. The coins were a four penny, three penny, two penny and one penny piece. By 1670 the king started giving out a dated set of all four coins.

The washing of feet has been phased out, so too the practice of giving food and clothing as well as coins.

The coins have one curious feature other than their denominations – all feature a portrait of the Queen from her Coronation year rather than one of the four subsequent updates.

Today's recipients of Royal Maundy are men and women, chosen because of their service to the Church and the community. At the ceremony, the monarch hands each one two small leather string purses. A red purse contains ordinary coins, while a white one contains silver Maundy coins, amounting to the same number of pence as the years of the sovereign's age.

In the early years of the Queen's reign, the service clung to the South. Even years were at Westminster Abbey, odd years at places like Southwark Cathedral or St George's Chapel in Windsor.

From the 1960s, the odd years began to range further afield. Durham Cathedral was the venue in 1967 and Newcastle had its turn in 1990. But three of the last four ceremonies have been back at St George's Chapel in Windsor, where Ernie Scott will be tomorrow.

The Church has been a constant in Ernie Scott's life. But it hasn't been a life of silent and monkish devotion. At 78, he cuts a spry figure and is fond of a trip to the pub and a good laugh.

Born in North Shields, he is too young to remember the day the family home on Balkwell Avenue – and the homes of extended family – were wiped out by a bomb in 1941. The three-month-old Ernie was in a nearby shelter that was covered in debris. A photograph of his parents' wedding – which Ernie still has to this day – was found on a nearby street. It was the only item recovered from the blast.

The family decamped to Nenthead in Cumbria, returning after three years to North Shields, first to Trinity Street, then back to Balkwell Avenue and, after his marriage, to Cleveland Road, where Ernie remains to this day.

His early attendances at church had as much to do with the social scene as anything. "I went because my mates were in the choir," he says. "And there were girls, of course."

Music was always big part of his life. He had piano lessons from the age of six and taught himself the organ. For the last 20 years he has been the organist at St Peter's. His wife, Gill, was a talented singer who competed successfully in competitions. Later, he was chairman of the Tynemouth Choral Society and co-founder of the Priory Singers.

Meanwhile, he built a career in science. A graduate of Newcastle University, he stayed on there as a researcher for 12 years. After a brief period working at the Wills cigarette factory in Heaton, he returned to a research post at the university before cashing in his pension, buying a microscope and setting himself up as a freelance consultant, working largely for companies in the coal and oil industries.

Music remained central and later opened up new avenues for him. Having helped Jill with song recitals, he now started to arrange concerts for other musicians, especially pianists.

He travelled to the prestigious Leeds International Piano Competion in 1987 to recruit talent. Not the winners necessarily – just the entrants that he really liked. To these keen young things he offered a week's worth of concerts at venues across the North East. Master Musicians was born.

It continues to this day. Ernie recruits musicians of all nationalities, who stay in his cluttered but comfortable home for a week or so as he drives them around various church halls and arts centres.

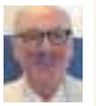
"I pick the cream of the world's musicians and I ask if they would like to come to North Shields. And they do," he says simply.

Gill died of cancer at the age of just 46 in 1991, but their shared love of music stays with Ernie. Over the years he has built up a vast network of friends and contacts and he travels widely both across the UK and abroad.

This week's little jaunt to Windsor may not compare to previous trips to rural India or hitch-hiking alone across Australia. But it is one that will love long among the memories of a long and full life.

Second vote is pointless unless we discuss facts

David **Taylor-Gooby**



WE are to have an extension of up to six months before Brexit happens.

What does that mean? Theresa May is hoping that a mixture of weariness and pressure from the public will corral MPs into the lobbies to support her deal.

My own feeling is that her deal is so disliked by a majority of not only MPs, but also the public, that its chances of passing are slim.

Donald Tusk admonished us to "use the time wisely", so what could be done in six months?

I do not think we should go on as before. I have been the victim of extremist abuse and had eggs thrown at me. (Cue some Journal readers asking when and where so they can join in) but it is hardly a sensible way to have a debate.

Nor are Nigel Farage's shouty threats to put "the fear of God into our Members of Parliament in Westminster".

We now have the ludicrous scenario that a major British newspaper, the Daily Telegraph, states that claims in Boris Johnson's newspaper column "should not be taken seriously" after a complaint about its accuracy. This is the man who aspires to be Prime Minister.

And then we have Mark Francois, talking as if he was a military man, when in fact he was in the TA for six years. The real military men in the Commons, such as Clive Lewis, Dan Jarvis and Tom Tughenhadt, are listened to with respect. Mark tries to scare us with ideas about a European Army which simply does not exist, nor is likely to exist in the foreseeable future.

There was a time when any respectable pub would have thrown Mark out of its saloon bar by now if he went on like that but he now manages to command a platform and be taken seriously.

More of this sort of thing is not going to get us anywhere. The country is facing a major choice about its future direction and the welfare of its people. It needs to be considered seriously, and I am afraid it hasn't so far.

I do not claim the Remainers are the good guys and it is only the Brexiteers who are at fault. During the referendum the Remain campaign was awful, and revealed how out of touch a metropolitan elite was with the rest of the country.

David Cameron and co thought it would be easy, and simply just did not appreciate how fed up many people in the country were.

Jeremy Corbyn was unenthusiastic, and all the passion was on the Brexiteer side, and political arguments are more about feelings than facts.

British democracy was once respected around the world and we can do better than that.

Now we appear more like the end of the Weimar Republic where MPs are intimidated and many afraid to say what they really think. There are better ways to try and bring a deeply divided nation together.

There was a Constitutional Convention in Scotland which prepared the way for devolution.

It brought interested parties together to put forward workable proposals. There was a Citizens' Assembly in the Republic of Ireland which discussed the controversial issue of abortion reform, where opinion was deeply divided. There was a full debate and then a referendum

As you know I am a supporter of a People's Vote, but I do not think it should happen before there is a real attempt to discuss the issue in a serious and measured way, and get the two sides to speak to each other.

I really want to know what the real benefits of Brexit are, rather than harking back to a rosy and probably imagined past. It is no good simply saying "there was a vote". We need to know the facts as best we can.

Doing all this may take over six months, but it is the only way forward.

If we don't do that, a second referendum will simply be a rerun of the first one, creating division and bitterness.

I am sure we could have a longer extension period if the EU knew we were seriously trying to sort the problem out for good.

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The Journal

North East still the UK's poor relation

THE Government has been keen to point out in recent months that there are now a record number of people in employment in this country.

Some cynics would point to the population being bigger than ever as being one good reason for that. And others would argue that the current method of calculating unemployment figures leaves many people not counted as being out of work.

But whatever your feelings about the basis of the monthly statistical analysis, there is no escaping the fact that the current figures do not make good reading for the North East.

Our region is bucking the national downward trend in this area – much to the alarm of our business leaders. In the past three months, unemployment has risen in the North East.

In January, the figure went up by 1,000 to 71,000, equating to 5.6% of the region's workforce – the highest in the country. On the same day these figures were revealed, we learned that MPs have launched an inquiry looking into why the rest of the country is so much poorer than London in terms of investment.

The rest of the country includes the North East, of course, and this is another illustration of how this region is one of the UK's most neglected.

We need the Government to help with investment in jobs – and, with Brexit still looming, we need it quickly.

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Do not allow stereotypes

A new rule in Advertising Codes will come into force in June which states that 'advertisements must not include gender stereotypes that are likely to cause harm, or serious, or widespread offence'.

This change came about after a review suggested that harmful stereotypes in adverts can restrict the choices, aspirations and opportunities of children, young people and adults.

The new rule, however, does not intend to prevent adverts from featuring one gender only in ads for products developed for and aimed at one gender.

I would take issue with this exemption, however, where products which help with medical conditions are concerned and where the medical condition is not gender specific.

For example, urinary incontinence (leaky bladder) affects men and women of all ages and yet the only adverts we see on TV are bladder leak pads and 'pretty' bladder leak underwear aimed solely at women, suggesting that leaky bladder is a female condition.

Research shows that at least half of people with leaky bladder do not discuss the condition with a healthcare professional, mainly out of embarrassment.

Leaky bladder products for men are widely available but by aiming TV adverts solely at women with the condition, many men may think that there is no help specifically for them.

Suggesting by the power of advertising that a medical condition is gender specific when it is clearly not should come within the definition of harmful.

I would hope that the Committee for Advertising Practice (CAP) reconsiders its exemptions to the new rule when it carries out a review in 12 months time.

CT, Gateshead

It's not EU v rest of world

CHARLES Jackson's letter *(Journal Letters, April 10)* made for rather curious reading.

In it he says that because 90% of global economic growth is outside of Europe, that staying part of the European customs union is somehow a bad idea.

Surely I am not alone in failing to see the logic in this one?

As anyone who has done their homework knows via our engagement in the EU we currently have trade agreements with much of the world either in force or close to being signed.

Can we please stop presenting the Brexit debate as this false dichotomy where we must choose between Europe and the rest of the world. That is utterly not the question at all.

That we must engage with the 90% of the world outside of Europe is a given.

The only question is whether we do this as a leader of the world's second largest economic block with many years of work already under our belts, or as an international pariah fresh from defrauding our closest allies by refusing to hold up our end of international agreements as the ignorant calls for 'no deal' would have us do.

The Labour party is completely right to refuse to consider any brexit that would leave us outside of the customs union. In 2016 we were promised Norway; not North Korea.

CRAIG TALLENTIRE, Stanley

View of

'Bureaucrats' not unelected

I get tired of Brexiters moaning on about not wanting to be ruled by unelected bureaucrats in Brussels, they are not.

The only bureaucrats working for the EU in Brussels are the equivalent of our own civil servants and they work for their elected political bosses, just as ours work for their ministers.

The only unelected official in the EU is the President of the Council of EU Member States, a post that is rotated every six months.

AW, Gosforth

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Renaming Newcastle?

I have noticed that Newcastle Council have approved more student housing on Kings Manor Business Park, no doubt the drink and food trade will be celebrating.

Did I hear that the council's leader Nick Forbes has applied to Parliament to have Newcastle renamed Studonia, or is that just a late April fool joke?

P BENNISON, Whitley Bay

Leave wasn't huge majority

THANK you Trevor Uren of Durham for the most sensible letter I have read for a long time *(Journal Letters, April 4)*.

People should listen to the Today Programme on Radio 4 to realise just what a shambles this Brexit is and to say the Leave vote was a huge majority is wrong, it was 48% remain and 52% to leave.

MRS K HARRISON, Wallsend

On this day

■ 1860: The first world title fight took place near Farnborough, Hants, when Tom Sayers took on American John Heenan. After 37 rounds - two hours and 27 minutes - the match was declared a draw.

■ 1937: A British attendance record at a football match was set when 149,547 people watched Scotland v England at Hampden Park, Glasgow.

■ 1956: Premium Bonds were launched by Chancellor Harold Macmillan.

■ 1960: American rock star Eddie Cochran died in a car crash near Chippenham while on tour with Gene Vincent.

■ 1961: An attempt by Cuban exiles and US forces to invade Cuba at the Bay of Pigs, and overthrow Castro's Communist regime, was repulsed.

■ 1984: Pc Yvonne Fletcher was shot dead outside the Libyan People's Bureau in central London. She had been policing a small demonstration outside the embassy.

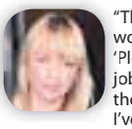
■ 2013: Margaret Thatcher's funeral was held at St Paul's Cathedral.

■ ON THIS DAY LAST YEAR: House mice may be spreading resistant superbugs that are potentially lethal to humans, research from the US suggested.

■ BIRTHDAYS: Henry Kelly, DJ and game show host, 73; Jan Hammer, composer, 71; Olivia Hussey, actress, 68; Nick Hornby, novelist, 62; Sean Bean, actor, 60; Muttiah Muralitharan, former cricketer, 47; Victoria Beckham, singer, fashion designer, businesswoman, 45; Rooney Mara, actress, 34.

> Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher unveils the memorial stone to WPC Yvonne Fletcher who was shot dead

They said what?



"Three years ago - I would have said, 'Please get me a job'. Now I've got all the jobs! I mean, I've always worked; for 20 years I've worked so it's gone all right. But there's definitely been ebbs and flows - at the moment I'm almost flooding with the flow" - ***Broadcaster Sara Cox.***

"Half a century of the environmental movement spouting denial has been a failure. We now drive more, fly more, eat more, heat more, waste more, cool more. Yet some campaigners still believe the present harm and future threat from climate change will achieve some mass conversion" - ***Countryfile presenter Tom Heap.***

"I'm going to die of something fairly soon so why not enjoy myself? I love red wine and also dark chocolate, even though I'm allergic to it and it makes me sneeze. And the Guinness helps me keep a bit of weight on. What's the point of counting how many cigarettes I smoke a day? I've been on them for over 70 years" - ***EastEnders star June Brown, 92.***

"Female-led shows get huge audiences because let's face it, 51% of the audience are women. They're really going after the wrong demographic if they say that women don't want to see other women on TV. That's absolute nonsense" - ***Actress Julie Graham.***

"How could you ever replace Darcey? You think because she is a dame she is prim and stuffy, but she's not. I taught her how to twerk. She was quite good' - ***Dr Ranj Singh, a former Strictly contestant on Darcey Bussell's decision to quit as a judge on the show.***

"We're all battered and bruised enough in this Parliament. So, the first thing for me is I will do everything in my power not to belittle or diminish or lecture MPs from the chair, but, insofar as it is possible, to respect every single person" - ***Labour MP Chris Bryant on how he would perform if elected Commons Speaker.***

"The Parliamentary Conservative Party notoriously has two default settings: complacency or panic" - ***Tory MP Damian Green.***

'He's not a saint you know. He's just a broadcaster" - ***TV's Richard Madeley sparks outrage by his comments about naturalist Sir David Attenborough.***

J3 Nostalgia

Everyday images around the North East from 30 years ago

> The former Wengers department store building on Newcastle's Grainger Street still lay empty in 1989, five years after closure

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TODAY'S images give a taste of the life and times of the North East in 1989.

But what do you remember of the goings-on in the wider world three decades ago?

Times were changing as, around the globe, people stood shoulder-to-shoulder in the name of democracy.

After decades of 'cold war' between Western Europe and the United States on one side, and the Eastern Bloc on the other, barriers began to fall – literally.

Massive protests on each side of the Berlin Wall brought about the collapse of the East German government and the wall was breached and eventually dismantled. The so-called Iron Curtain would draw open as East and West were re-unified for the first time since World War II.

People in China were less successful in gaining change as hundreds of students demonstrating for the right of democracy were killed by troops in Tiananmen Square, Beijing.

It was a year which had its fair share of grim domestic headlines, none more so than when 96 Liverpool football fans died in a disaster at Sheffield Wednesday's ground, Hillsborough, in the FA Cup semi-final.

An air crash on the M1 at Kegworth, Leicestershire, claimed 47 lives, while 51 perished when the pleasure boat Marchioness sunk on the River Thames.

This was also the year the Guildford Four had their convictions quashed; the Ayatollah Khomeini issued a 'fatwa' against the author Salman Rushdie and his novel Satanic Verses; and the world of TV was changed forever with the launch of Sky TV.

As for new TV programmes, Byker Grove was screened for the first time. Set in Newcastle, the series would help launch the careers of two young pals, Anthony McPartlin and Declan Donnelly.

At North East cinemas, audiences flocked to see the likes of Batman; Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade; Honey, I Shrunk The Kids; and When Harry Met Sally.

In the pop charts, acts such Madonna, REM, and Phil Collins were racking up the hits, not to mention New Kids On The Block, probably the very first 'boy band'.

And not for the first time, it was a year to forget for our football clubs. With Sunderland already in the Second Division, they were joined by Newcastle and Middlesbrough, both relegated at end of the 1988-89 season.

The 1990s were just around the corner. What would they bring?

> Striker Micky Quinn in action for Newcastle United, 1989

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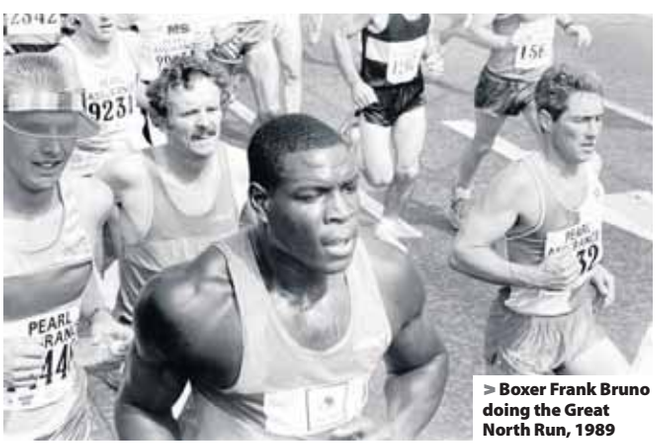
> Fireworks over the Tyne Bridge, 1989, with the Tuxedo Princess nightclub also in the picture

> The Forum Shopping Centre, Segedunum Way, Wallsend, 1989

> Harvey's Bar, Restaurant and Diner, Metrocentre, 1989

> Ashington Town Hall, Station Road, 1989



> Boxer Frank Bruno doing the Great North Run, 1989

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Wish me luck as you wave me goodbye

Conscription returned to Britain 80 years ago as the threat of war loomed. **MARION McMULLEN** looks at the measures taken to get Britain's men prepared for combat

A last hug for one soldier

A father dries his children's tears

A departing sailor receives one last kiss for good luck

IT WAS time to kiss wives and sweethearts goodbye as Britain started preparing for war 80 years ago, and one of the first steps was to bring back conscription for the first time since the First World War.

The move was aimed at able-bodied men of 20 and 21 who were required to undergo six months' basic military training.

The new legislation came into force on April 27, 1939 – a period of international tension before the Second World War. It was the year British Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain was promising "Peace in our time" after meeting with Hitler.

Leslie Hore Belisha MP, Secretary of State for War

While efforts were being made to avert war, Leslie Hore-Belisha campaigned for a call to arms to start getting the country battle-ready. He once said: "When a man tells me he's going to put all his cards on the table, I always look up his sleeve."

He had introduced a national driving test and pedestrian crossings with beacons – quickly named Belisha beacons – when he was Minister for Transport, and as Secretary Of State for War he instituted conscription a few months before the outbreak of the Second World War.

Thousands joined in a single day in Birmingham alone

The civilians who were called up quickly became known as militiamen and at one point 6,500 of them presented themselves at employment exchanges in the Birmingham area to register for military training during the course of a single Saturday afternoon and evening.

The name militiamen was used to help distinguish them from the regular army and, to further emphasise this difference, each man was issued with a suit as well as a military uniform.

Unfortunately, some found their uniforms dated back to the First World War and other equipment was often in short supply. Home could be a tent that slept around eight men or a wooden barracks hut and many found their introduction to the army was an appointment with the barber for a brutal military haircut.

Thousands of young men registered for service and Whittington Barracks in Lichfield was among the military training sites they were sent to for basic training.

New arrivals were issued with bedding and a billet at the start of their six-month stay.

The government's intention was for the first intake to undergo basic training before being discharged into an active reserve of men. They would then be recalled for short training periods and attend annual camps. But the outbreak of war changed everything.

Chamberlain had earlier said: "I do not think anyone would question my sincerity when I say that there is hardly anything I would not sacrifice for peace, but there is one thing I must except, and that is the liberty which we have enjoyed for hundreds of years and which we will never surrender."

The limited form of conscription was quickly replaced by the National Service (Armed Forces) Act upon the outbreak of war on September 3. It widened conscription to all men between the ages of 18 and 41.

Above: Militiamen arriving at Whittington Barracks, Lichfield, with their bedding in 1939

Left: Fighting fit new recruits receive their physicals at the South Staffordshire Regiment Training Depot

King George VI publicly addressed the country as war was declared, calling for courage and faith in the tough times ahead.

He said: "For the second time in the lives of most of us we are at war. Over and over again we have tried to find a peaceful way out of the difference between ourselves and those who are now our enemies. But it has been in vain.

"We have been forced into a conflict. For we are called, we are called, with our allies, to meet the challenge of a principle which, if it were to prevail, would be fatal to any civilised order in the world."

The king himself served during the First World War and saw action as a turret officer aboard HMS Collingwood during the Battle of Jutland.

Later, wartime Prime Minister Winston Churchill also rallied the country, saying: "Victory at all costs, victory in spite of all terror, victory however long and hard the road may be; for without victory, there is no survival."

The British Army only had 897,000 men when war broke out whereas France had five million and the militiamen were promptly absorbed into Britain's military forces.

The new legislation meant that by the end of 1939 more than 1.5 million men had been conscripted and, by 1942, the age range was widened further so that all British men up to the age of 51 were eligible to be called up.

Neville Chamberlain himself marked the day the bloodiest conflict in modern history began with a simple entry scrawled in his diary in pencil.

He just wrote: "War declared."

All things **bright** and beautiful

Buy your Wemyss Ware with care, as not every piece is what it seems

IT'S EASY to see why collectors are drawn to the gaily-coloured pots pictured here. They are examples of Wemyss Ware (say it like "Weems") but it's a brave soul who takes on the challenge of buying the stuff.

For a start, it's rare: production at the Fife Pottery in the Scottish town of Kirkcaldy lasted less than 50 years. Which means it's pricey.

Worse, when the works closed during the 1930 Great Depression, the name, production rights, all the moulds and even its chief decorator in Scotland, Joseph Nekola, all went to making it at the Bovey Pottery Company in Bovey Tracey, Devon. Consequently, it's often hard to tell which from which.

Worse still, a London art teacher who acquired the trademark in 1994 resurrected the name and began producing Wemyss Ware in a factory in Fife.

Among the workers was a woman who had learned the painting techniques that make the ware so desirable from none other than Nekola himself.

A new book, Scottish Wemyss Ware 1882-1930, is sure to help the purists keen to collect only the oldest (and best) pieces. It has been compiled by "a legendary collector of the ware", who, in the early 1970s, resolved to buy only Scottish pieces.

The result is a catalogue of the extensive and diverse George Bellamy Collection, light on unnecessary words but rewardingly heavy on lavish illustrations, nearly 500 of them, detailing the impressive range of Wemyss subjects from birds, flowers, fruit, insects and the irresistible cats and pigs.

Crucially, the book also lists and illustrates the various marks that were either printed or impressed on the ware as well as those known to have been used by the decorators.

Such marks are helpful in dating and identifying pieces but this remains Bellamy's work in progress with some decorators' marks not yet identified – another attraction for the new collector.

Beware, though. Even he admits the odd piece of Bovery pottery might have slipped through the net as Joseph Nekola's mark may be found on both the late Scottish pieces and those from Devon.

The Fife Pottery was established in 1817, largely with the aid of a substantial loan from a Glasgow bank. Output was simple domestic pottery for the home market that had very little to commend it, apart, perhaps, from being cheap.

Equally inexpensive, but better, pottery could be had from a hundred other sources, though, and saddled with crippling interest charges on the bank loan, the business went bankrupt after only 10 years.

The company changed hands in 1827, the new owner taking on the debts with his acquisition and it was not until 58 years later that the original loan was repaid.

The turnaround was achieved by Robert Heron, grandson of the new owner, who steered the business away from cheap dross for the domestic market, towards more stylish and sophisticated wares decorated by hand rather than uninspiring transfer printing.

He produced teapots, cheese dishes, milk jugs and other tableware intended for exactly the same market as before, but at prices that provided greater profit margins and the chance to extend the product range.

Wemyss Ware, named after the nearby cliff top castle home of the Wemyss family, was Heron's inspired solution.

Early in the 1880s, he imported Bohemian immigrant ceramic painters to Kirkcaldy, enticing them to the cold and bleak Highlands with handsome salaries.

Few stayed long, with the exception of Karel Nekola, Joseph's father, a gifted ceramic artist with a vivid and exceptionally creative talent.

Fortunately for the company, Nekola took a shine to Heron's cook and the couple married and settled in the area.

Nekola's unique painting skills, which he passed on to his son, made their mark in the factory's decorating shop immediately and soon, the local decorators working there began to follow his style.

Outsize flowers, fruit and farmyard animals all painted in the strongest colours began to appear on everything produced by the factory, to be snapped up by an eager public keen to own something new and different.

Meanwhile, Heron began to take stock of the product range, axing anything that was difficult or costly to produce. Instead, he concentrated on simple bedroom and domestic ware such as candlesticks, inkwells, jug and basin sets, early morning tea sets, biscuit and jam jars and charming novelties.

It is exactly these objects that today's collectors covet most.

Unfortunately, what Heron failed to correct was the ability to successfully fuse brilliant coloured glazes on to hard-fired earthenware.

The high temperatures required for tough earthenware pots caused the underglaze colours to burn and fade. Heron responded in the only way he knew how: by reducing the heat and firing the Wemyss Ware in the coldest areas of the kilns.

This resulted in pottery with an under-fired, easily damaged body that was simply unable to stand up to the rigours of domestic life. It was a risk calculated to be offset by the appeal of the strong, fresh colours and designs Nekola and his fellow painters could achieve in the decorating shop.

This has proved to be a double-edged sword for today's collectors as pieces survive with colours still as brilliant as the day they were potted.

However chips, broken handles and hairline cracks are rife, and restoration is costly. Perfect examples are scarce and sell for a premium.

Robert Heron died in 1907. Wemyss Ware had its heyday from about 1885-1914, the Great War and increased sophistication among customers sounding its twin death knells.

Coupled to this was the dawning of the Art Deco era in which pretty Wemyss had no place. Cheap imported pottery and the General Strike of 1926 marked the beginning of the end for the Fife Pottery, which finally closed in 1930.

Once the ware could be picked up in jumble sales and junk shops for a few shillings. Nowadays, the best pieces are found in auctions and a number of dealers specialise in it to the exclusion of everything else. The more outrageous the designs and colour schemes, the more valuable the pieces become.

The charming pigs decorated with cabbage roses, shamrock or clover leaves, are arguably the rarest and most desirable of pieces, selling for £2,000-£4,000 or more.

They were produced for the nursery, sometimes as a money box, the larger examples as doorstops, while others were personalised with a child's name and birthdate.

More scarce are sleeping piglets intended as paperweights, while families of cats, spotted, tabby or others up to their necks in the same cabbage roses that decorate other Wemyss pots are also highly sought after.

A sleeping piglet painted with shamrocks

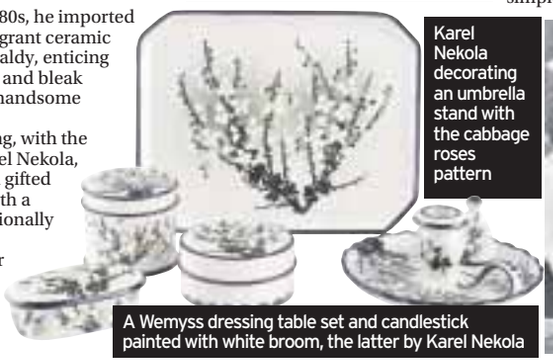
A large pig painted with cabbage roses by Karel Nekola. It has an impressed "Wemyss" maker's mark and a retailer's mark for Thomas Goode & Co, a top London shop

A rare comb tray painted with a family of bears by Karel Nekola

Large Wemyss mug painted with dog roses

Large washbasin and jug with impressed maker's mark and painted Thomas Goode & Co retailer's mark

Scottish Wemyss Ware 1882-1930, price £30, ACC Art Books, Sandy Lane, Old Martlesham, Woodbridge Suffolk. Tel: 01394 389950.



A Wemyss dressing table set and candlestick painted with white broom, the latter by Karel Nekola

Karel Nekola decorating an umbrella stand with the cabbage roses pattern

On the trail of snails

THE MOLLUSCS ARE COMING... SO PREPARE TO FIGHT THEM OFF WITH AN ECO-FRIENDLY ARMOURY

SPRING is in the air and gardeners are busy sowing seeds and transplanting seedlings, bedding, vegetables and herbaceous plants.

But lurking in the long grass is a silent army of creatures, each of whom have up to 27,000 teeth and are waiting to pounce on any fresh green vegetation, with lettuce and hosta top of the menu. I am of course talking about slugs and snails.

So it's timely to look at methods to protect your crops and flowers – there's nothing as disheartening as to find your sweet pea seedlings decimated, the only clue being a telltale glistening trail left behind by the molluscs.

But before you march out to wage chemical warfare against these munchers by spraying toxic pellets around your garden, let's remember their value in the ecosystem.

They do a valuable job when they digest rotting vegetation and they are food for hedgehogs, frogs and toads, and birds such as the thrush.

When you poison a snail, you are also introducing poison to the wildlife food chain.

So let's look at the eco-friendly methods:

■ BEER traps – sink plastic containers such as old yoghurt cartons into the ground and fill with beer.

Ensure a lip of 2cm of the container is above ground which will stop beneficial beetles being lured in for a drop.

■ ORGANIC pellets based on iron phosphate are more environmentally friendly than the traditional metaldehyde pellets.

They won't kill other animals and if they're not eaten they will be broken down and turned into naturally occurring iron and phosphate.

■ MAKE their passage difficult to your plants with barriers they find tough to navigate.

For example, if you have been pruning roses, these thorny clippings make good barriers and can be removed when the plants have toughened up a bit.

You can also use wood ash, grit, crushed egg shells, bark or even cadge used coffee grounds from a friendly barista.

■ KEEP veg plots and seedbeds clean of surrounding long grass and other hiding places for slugs, such as weeds and dead leaves.

■ WATER plants in the morning so soil is drier at night – when slugs are most active – it's less attractive to them.

■ SEEDS are vulnerable so start them off under cover in a cold frame or greenhouse and then plant out when a bit sturdier.

Or you can make mini-cloches for outdoor seeds by chopping an old plastic bottle in half and removing the lid.

Not only will it protect against the slugs but it will act as a mini greenhouse and accelerate the germination process.

■ PLANT choice – if your heart is broken every year by slugs shredding your hostas to bits, how about swapping or surrounding them with plants whose fragrance repels slugs, such as astrantia, artemisia, rosemary, rue and fennel?

Or try growing hostas in pots with copper tapes – the copper tape deters snails as contact delivers a mild electrical shock.

■ NEMATODES are microscopic worms that you water into the soil and they enter slugs and kill them from within.

It's called biological control and is considered environmentally friendly.

■ FINALLY, a night patrol with a torch is a good way of catching them red-handed.

If you decide to relocate them, your neighbour's garden is not a good idea. Not just because it's unfriendly, but you need to locate them at least 20 metres away as otherwise their homing instinct will bring them straight back to you!

They might take their time, but they'll be back...

Protect seedlings under cloches

Use beer traps to catch snails and slugs

Crushed egg shells make passage difficult for slugs and snails

PLANT OF THE WEEK

AUBRETIA 'PURPLE CASCADE'

ONE of the most dramatic displays of spring colour comes from the aubretia.

Its profuse flowers form waterfalls of purple, hanging like curtains over walls and scrambling through rockeries, steps and raised beds.

Surface-sow now and throughout spring for transplanting into desired location as seedlings.

Cut back established plants hard after flowering which may result in a second bloom.

Grow in full sun, preferably in alkaline, not overly fertile soil.

WHAT TO DO THIS WEEK

■ SPRAY roses against mildew and blackspot and apply a slow-release organic fertiliser at the base for a healthy plant. Tie in climbing roses using figure-of-eight ties.

■ EARTH up early potatoes as soon as green shoots appear. By covering the stems you are encouraging new tubers to develop and ensuring that tubers are not exposed to light which would turn them green.

■ MULCH around box hedging with a well-rotted manure. The stronger the plant, the more able it is to fight box blight. Give it a light clip to keep in shape.

■ MULCH around spring bulbs that have flowered.

■ KEEP birdbaths and feeders topped up with water and seed to encourage birds to visit.

■ PUT up wigwams for climbers. Sweet peas are ready to be planted.

■ START sowing indoor runner beans and pumpkins.

Get some mulch down

> Festival organisers Yilis del Carmen Suriel & Dr Hannabiell Sanders

> Key Greyson

> Baque de Ogum

> Afro Ceilidh Collective

> Ladies of Midnight Blue

Festival to offer African sounds and a lot more

A POPULAR family music and arts event which brings a taste of Africa to the North East returns next month.

The sixth Harambee Pasadia Afro Fusion Arts Festival takes place over the last weekend of May at Barnard Castle, County Durham.

In the run-up to it there is a skill share workshop and a "warm-up party" taking place in Newcastle.

The Harambee Pasadia is a four-day family-friendly camping event, which invites people to get together while enjoying a range of exciting activities.

It was founded and organised by Newcastle-based musicians Dr. Hannabiell Sanders and Yilis del Carmen Suriel.

The festival aims to encourage unity and bring people from diverse backgrounds together, bridging the culture gap through performances, workshops and the shared experience of Afro-fusion music and dance.

The line-up brings together world-renowned musicians, arts practitioners, and DJs. There is also a wide range of workshops, art, and sports activities for people from all ages to get involved in.

The festival also has a wide selection of African, Latin, and Asian foods, with a licensed bar on site.

Artists performing there include the likes of Key Greyson, Baque de Ogum, and Kema Kay.

Organiser Hannabiell, who is the composer and director for the bands Hannabiell & Midnight Blue and 'Ladies of Midnight Blue, will also be performing.

A Speakers' Corner will be set which will host a series of talks, presentations, workshops, and panel discussions on leadership, confidence, healthy eating, race and identity, cultural activism, poetry and more.

The event takes at the TCR Hub in Barnard Castle from May 30 to June 2.

Before then, on April 26 from 2pm to 7pm; then April 27 and 28 from 11am to 7pm, the Harambee Pasadia Volunteer Skill Share is taking place at the Byker Community Centre.

It provides opportunities for people interested in learning a range of skills, including carpentry, painting, sewing, drumming and decorating. Everyone is welcome, regardless of experience.

Then on May 25 there is a Harambee Pasadia warm-up Party and Africa Day celebration at the Star & Shadow Cinema in Warwick St, Newcastle. Starting at 6pm, there will be performances by Baque de Ogum, Rapasa, Ladies of Midnight Blue and other acts.

■ **For tickets and festival details see www.harambeepasadiacic.com.**

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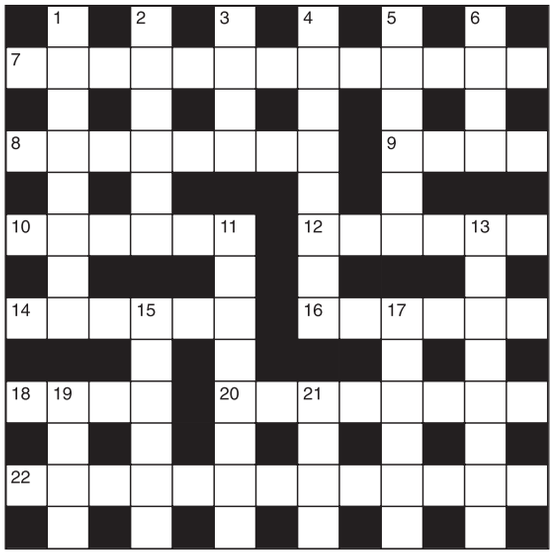

ACROSS

7. Achieves a peak performance (7,3,3)
8. As a matter of interest this gets shared out (8)
9 & 19Dn. Fail to take into account what superintendents do (8)
10. It's endlessly varied for those who take the plunge (6)
12. Lacking strength in business (6)
14. It's not often one sees fifty in fashions that are coming back (6)
16. Gossip with a fellow power worker (6)
18. European returning from the carnival soon (4)
20. Aristocrats will change the tone in tavern rooms (8)
22. Careful thought needed once radio isn't properly adjusted (13)

DOWN

1. See 4 Down
2. Writer gets a bed in the south-east (6)
3. Are put into the past (4)
4 &1Dn. Learning how to treat people (8,8)
5. Start the journey and show up in relief (3,3)
6. The staff record votes, we hear (4)
11. Bigwig – or unidentified corpse? (8)
13. Stimulated response to fluctuation in coin rate (8)
15. Take off the waistcoat after I'd returned (6)
17. Good reason to speak about the return of the money (6)
19. See 9 Across
21. It's not often found in the Sumatra region (4)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS 17/04/2019

Across: 1 Plea; 8 Cheerfully; 9 The rules; 10 Pose; 12 Shiver; 14 Shadow; 15 Surest; 17 Breaks; 18 Cell; 19 Estimate; 21 Press agent; 22 Halt.
Down: 2 Lighthouse; 3 Acer; 4 Peeler; 5 Irises; 6 Sulphate; 7 Byre; 11 Stock-still; 13 Viewless; 16 Trepan; 17 Butter; 18 Cape; 20 Myth.

Codeword

This puzzle has no clues. Instead, every number printed in the grid represents a letter, with the same number always representing the same letter.
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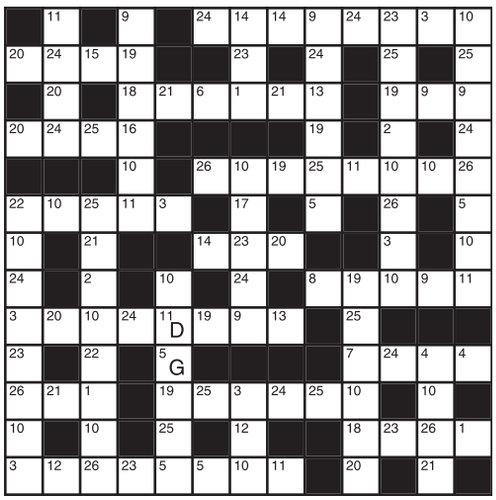

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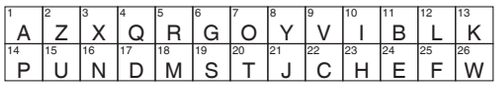
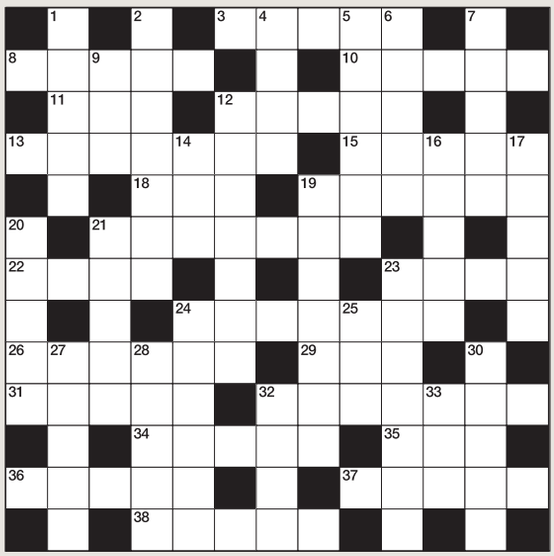


Quick crossword



ACROSS

3. Of the nose (5)
8. Tree sap (5)
10. Defeats (5)
11. Indian state (3)
12. Magic servant (5)
13. Stroll (7)
15. Cherished hope (5)
18. Crib (3)
19. Former currency (6)
21. Relegates (7)
22. Fever (4)
23. Objectives (4)
24. Fight off (7)
26. Association football (6)
29. Pinch (3)
31. Delightful surprise (5)
32. Woeful (7)
34. Shinbone (5)
35. Rodent (3)
36. Broaden (5)
37. Grubby (5)
38. Boats made from logs (5)

DOWN

1. Lawful (5)
2. Engaged woman (7)
4. Assert (4)
5. Tolerates (6)
6. Looks lasciviously (5)
7. Weasel-like animal (5)
9. Former French coin (3)
12. Cross or surmount (3,4)
14. Mr Cruise, actor (3)
16. Weird (5)
17. Low-lying wet land (5)
19. Plant (7)
20. Part of the body (5)
21. Stupid pupil (5)
23. Headache tablet (7)
24. Eye membrane (6)
25. Illuminated (3)
27. Planet's path (5)
28. Provide food (5)
30. Glazing paste (5)
32. Liquid measure (4)
33. Distant (3)

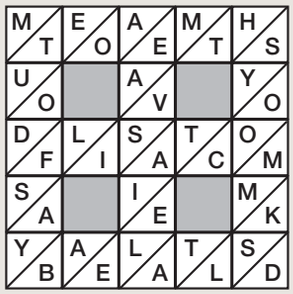
YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 3 Sheep; 9 Decree; 10 Karate; 11 Waver; 12 Onus; 15 Strand; 17 Cabaret; 19 Key; 20 Naked; 22 Kudos; 24 Rests; 25 Tenor; 27 Paw; 29 Nirvana; 32 Elicit; 34 Ewer; 35 Oozes; 37 Catgut; 38 Remiss; 39 Sense.

Down: 1 Ad hoc; 2 Scrub; 3 Sew; 4 Heaven; 5 Ekes; 6 Partner; 7 Kayak; 8 Ready; 13 Natural; 14 Sabot; 16 Neptune; 18 Talon; 21 Delve; 23 Serious; 26 Riders; 27 Perch; 28 Width; 30 Await; 31 Arise; 33 Tote; 36 See.

Split Decision

Cross out one of the two letters in each divided square to reveal a completed crossword grid.



YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Gogen

Insert letters to form the listed words, moving between adjacent cells horizontally, vertically or diagonally in any direction.

Insert all the remaining letters of the alphabet (except Z) in the grid so all the listed words are spelt out in this way.

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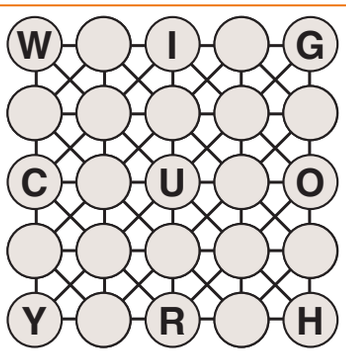

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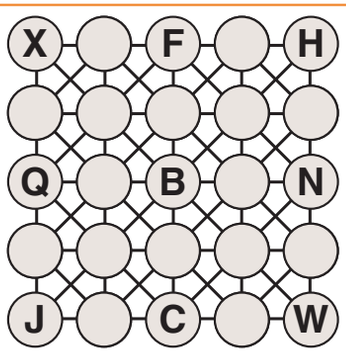

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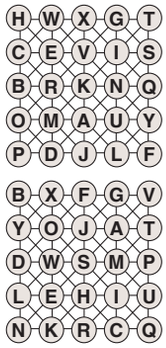

J3

Sudoku

Each row and each column must contain the numbers 1 to 9, and so must each 3 x 3 box.

EASY

		9		6			4	
4			2		8			3
1		5		4		2		7
	9	2			5	1		
7				3	2			9
		3				7	8	
3		1	7	8		4		5
9	5		4		6			8
				5		9		

HARD

4				8	1	2		
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		1				9		
		8		1	3		5	
	5				2	3		
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		3	8	6				4

YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU: Easy

7	8	5	4	2	6	9	1	3
6	4	9	5	1	3	8	7	2
1	3	2	8	9	7	5	4	6
5	9	3	2	8	1	4	6	7
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3	6	4	7	5	8	1	2	9
9	1	7	3	4	2	6	5	8

YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU: Hard

1	7	8	9	2	4	6	5	3
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3	8	1	2	4	7	9	6	5

Alphamuddle

Rearrange the letters in the top grid to make five words that read both across and down. Five letters have been placed in the bottom grid to start you off.

T	H	A	I	B
C	H	E	T	H
B	E	E	S	T
D	E	A	T	S
A	T	T	A	I

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		E		

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

M	A	N	I	C
A	L	O	N	E
N	O	M	A	D
I	N	A	N	E
C	E	D	E	D

DINGBATS

Find the familiar phrase, saying or name in this arrangement of letters.

E
K
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W

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YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION: On the scent

Wordsquare

Find as many words as possible using the letters in the grid. Each word must use the central letter and at least 3 others, and letters may be used only once. You cannot use plurals, foreign words or proper nouns, but verb forms ending in 's' are permitted. There is one 9-letter word to be found.

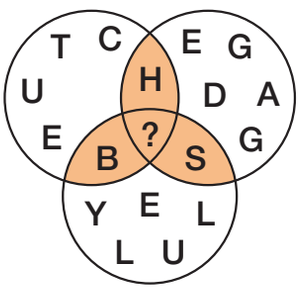
E	T	U
T	B	G
L	R	I

HOW YOU RATE
25 Good; 33 Very Good; 41 Excellent.

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS
CABRIOLET
acre, actor, aerobic, article, bloc, boric, brace, bract, cable, calibre, calorie, care, caret, carob, carol, cart, carte, cartel, cater, ceil, cite, claret, clear, cleat, clot, coal, coat, cobalt, coble, cobra, coil, coir, cola, cole, colt, coral, corbel, core, cote, crab, crate, crib, eclat, erotic, erotica, lace, laic, locate, octal, oracle, race, react, recital, recoil, relic, relict, rice, talc, trace, trice.

Circlegram

Replace the question mark with a letter so that the letters within the circle can be rearranged to form words with a common theme. What are the words, and the letter represented by the question mark?



YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS
The letter represented by the question mark is A.
Gujarat, Tripura, Manipur—all Indian states.

Niner

Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all nine letters.

3724 gives a Mexican dish;
379761 gives a Mexican dish;
37578 gives Spanish snacks.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION: TRIBESMAN

17/04/2019

Claire Petulengro

YOUR STARS WITH

ARIES
MARCH 21 – APRIL 20

Midweek dramas come in the form of someone accusing you of something you have not done. Try not to get angry, but stay calm and clear, to be heard. Solo work paths are favoured, as Mars and Mercury join forces to now make the impossible possible. Ring now for your love scope.

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TAURUS
APRIL 20 – MAY 21

What you think to be a promise from others, could well turn out to be nothing more than a suggestion, in a few day's time. Get anything important in writing (You'll thank me later). Chance introductions can benefit your earning potential. Ring now for love and life in full.

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GEMINI
MAY 22 – JUNE 21

Life starts to take on a far more contented feeling. You no longer worry about what others think of your actions, but you take steps to ensure that your future happiness comes first. Old friends come to mind with something you are asked to organise. Ring now to focus on your goals.

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CANCER
JUNE 22 – JULY 22

With a full moon approaching, you are sure to be feeling nostalgic of the past and some of you, may even take steps to reignite bonds with those you used to spend a lot of time with. Fun times link to work and social paths crossing as never before. Ring now for a game-plan to your future.

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LEO
JULY 23 – AUGUST 23

Your sign often tends to forget, that happiness doesn't come as a result of getting something you don't have, but rather of appreciating and recognising what you do have. Time to stop feeling sorry for yourself and to get on with enjoying life. Ring now for support and understanding.

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VIRGO
AUGUST 24 – SEPTEMBER 22

Whether or not you give in to the temptations you are feeling is up to you. First make sure that the person, or the situation concerned is really worth it. I think you need to take time out to remember how much you deserve to be treated well. Ring now to make life in your control again.

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LIBRA
SEPTEMBER 23 – OCTOBER 23

The need to find out what did or didn't go on over the last few days and weeks, has seen you go to measures, which you would not usually go to. Changes to the home you are fighting, could actually be to your advantage. Ring now so I can help you find the balance you crave.

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SCORPIO
OCTOBER 24 – NOVEMBER 21

Run the day today, or it will run you Scorpio. You think you're not in control, but you are. Stand up for all you want, for the very faces who could not help you this time last month, now can. Things you buy now are an investment into your long-term future. Ring now so I can guide you.

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SAGITTARIUS
NOVEMBER 22 – DECEMBER 20

As Mahatma Gandhi once said, 'You must be the change you wish to see in the world.' Start afresh. Take time out. Write down your many positive attributes! Your element of fire could see you sharing secrets which are not yours to tell. Ring now for the power of discretion.

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CAPRICORN
DECEMBER 21 – JANUARY 20

Try to take your time, when making your way through this very exploratory day today Capricorn. I know Mercury has been making you feel edgy of late. That need to move on is not for nothing. As one chapter closes, your best yet begins! Ring now to see into your future.

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AQUARIUS
JANUARY 21 – FEBRUARY 19

Saturn puts added structure to your day. You start to see with ease what needs to be done to put order and sense to events. Big news is coming, as you realise, you can no longer allow things to stay as they were. Ring now to hear how foreign countries are beckoning to you this year.

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PISCES
FEBRUARY 20 – MARCH 20

A strange mood which the stars place over you, sees you digging for information, which cannot be productive to your life. You've turned a corner. Decisions you make now, lead to a better future. Time spent with younger faces, brings clarity as never before. Ring now to be inspired.

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WEDNESDAY'S TV & RADIO

BBC1

Super-market Secrets, 8pm

DAYTIME

6.00 Breakfast 9.15 Animal Park Easter Special 10.00 Homes Under the Hammer 11.00 The Sheriffs Are Coming 11.45 Close Calls: On Camera 12.15 Bargain Hunt 1.00 BBC News at One; Weather 1.30 BBC Regional News and Weather 1.45 Doctors 2.15 Curiosity 3.00 Escape to the Country 3.45 Home Is Where the Art Is 4.30 The Repair Shop 5.15 Pointless Quiz, hosted by Alexander Armstrong. **6.00 BBC News at Six; Weather 6.30 BBC Regional News and Weather 6.55 Party Election Broadcast** By the Labour Party.

7

7.00 The One Show Hosted by Matt Baker and Alex Jones. (S)

8

8.00 Supermarket Secrets How supermarkets are fighting to bring consumers their food on demand. (S)

9

9.00 Earth from Space New series. Cameras in space tell stories of life on our planet from a brand new perspective. (S)

10

10.00 BBC News at Ten (S)
10.25 BBC Regional News; (S) National Lottery Update (S)
10.35 Glow Up: Britain's Next Make-Up Star The remaining make-up artists battle for a place in the final. (S)

11

11.35 A Question of Sport A round-up of the best moments from the latest series. (S) (R)

AFTER 12

12.05 Celebrity Painting Challenge The VIP artists tackle landscapes. **1.05 Weather for the Week Ahead 1.10 BBC News**

BBC2

Great British Menu, 8pm

6.30 The Repair Shop 7.15 Home Is Where the Art Is 8.00 Sign Zone: Mary Berry's Quick Cooking 8.30 Sign Zone: Gardeners' World 9.00 BBC News at 9 10.00 Victoria Derbyshire 11.00 BBC Newsroom Live 1.00 The Boss 1.45 Back in Time for Dinner 2.45 Back in Time for Dinner 3.45 The Hairy Builder 4.15 The Hairy Builder 4.45 Eggheads 5.15 Flog It! 6.00 Richard Osman's House of Games With Beattie Edmondson, Amol Rajan, Gaby Roslin and Hugh Dennis. **6.30 Island Medics** Behind the scenes at the Gilbert Bain Hospital in Lerwick.

7

7.00 Antiques Road Trip Antiques experts compete to make the most money at auction. (S)

8

8.00 Great British Menu The three chefs from Scotland present their starters and fish courses. (S)

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9.00 MotherFatherSon Max finds himself under the spotlight. (S)

10

10.00 Island of Dreams One-off comedy, starring Harry Enfield. (S) (R)
10.30 Newsnight (S)

11

11.10 Weather (S)
11.15 Stephen: The Murder That Changed a Nation Documentary examining the death of Stephen Lawrence. (S) (R)

AFTER 12

12.15 Sign Zone: DIY SOS: The Big Build 1.15 Sign Zone: Race Across the World 2.15 This Is BBC Two Preview of upcoming programmes.

ITV

Corona-tion Street, 7.30pm

6.00 Good Morning Britain 8.30 Lorraine 9.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show 10.30 This Morning 12.30 Loose Women Topical debate from a female perspective. **1.30 ITV Lunchtime News; Weather 1.55 Local News; Weather 2.00 Judge Rinder** Real-life cases in a studio courtroom. **3.00 Tenable 3.59 ITV Local Weather 4.00 Tipping Point** Game show, hosted by Ben Shephard. **5.00 The Chase 6.00 Local News; Weather 6.25 Party Election Broadcast** By the Labour Party. **6.30 ITV Evening News; Weather**

7

7.00 Emmerdale Harriet makes another disturbing discovery. (S)
7.30 Coronation Street Gary meets a familiar face on his first day collecting debts. (S)

8

8.00 Britain's Brightest Family Two families compete in the third round of the quarter-finals. (S)
8.30 Coronation Street Sarah fears Gary will be implicated in the roof sabotage. (S)

9

9.00 The Bay A confession to Lisa shines a possible new light on Dylan's killer. (S)

10

10.00 ITV News at Ten; Weather (S)
10.30 Local News; Weather (S)
10.45 Heathrow: Britain's Busiest Airport Terminal 5 receives a very special visitor. (S) (R)

11

11.10 LaLiga Highlights Including Huesca v Barcelona. (S)

AFTER 12

12.10 British Touring Car Championship Highlights 1.25 Jackpot247 Interactive gaming. **3.00 Lethal Weapon 3.45 ITV Nightscreen 5.05 The Jeremy Kyle Show**

Channel 4

Hollyoaks, 6.30pm

6.25 Cheers 6.55 Cheers 7.20 Cheers 7.45 Frasier 8.10 Frasier 8.40 Frasier 9.10 Everybody Loves Raymond 9.40 Everybody Loves Raymond 10.10 Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA 11.05 Car SOS 12.00 Channel 4 News Summary 12.05 Come Dine with Me 1.05 Escape to the Chateau: DIY 2.10 Countdown 3.00 A Place in the Sun 4.00 A New Life in the Sun 5.00 Four in a Bed 5.30 Extreme Cake Makers 6.00 The Simpsons Lisa gets her own TV show. **6.30 Hollyoaks** Ollie tells Mandy that Luke wants a paternity test.

7

7.00 Channel 4 News (S)

8

8.00 Location, Location, Location New series. Kirstie Allsopp helps a couple in Woking search for a new home. (S)

9

9.00 Chimerica New series. Powerful drama about a photojournalist accused of doctoring one of his award-winning photographs. (S)

10

10.00 Gogglebox Opinions on shows including Our Planet, This Morning and Britain's Got Talent. (S) (R)

11

11.05 First Dates Return of the restaurant-based dating show, hosted by Fred Sirieix. (S) (R)

AFTER 12

12.10 The Great British School Swap 1.05 FILM Love, Rosie (2014) (15) 2.50 Coast vs Country 3.45 French Collection 4.35 Kirstie's Handmade Treasures 4.55 The £100k Drop 5.50 Countdown

Channel 5

Inside John Lewis: Profits & Problems, 9pm

6.00 Milkshake! 9.15 Jeremy Vine The broadcaster discusses the issues of the day. **11.15 Traffic Cops 12.10 5 News Lunchtime 12.15 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away!** The agents chase almost £3,000 owed by Indian takeaway owners. **1.10 Access 1.15 Home and Away 1.45 Neighbours 2.20 FILM Murder, She Baked: Just Desserts (2017) (PG)** Mystery, starring Alison Sweeney. **4.00 Friends 4.30 Friends 5.00 5 News at 5 5.30 Neighbours 6.00 Home and Away** Dean breaks into the mailbox to retrieve the letter. **6.30 5 News Tonight**

7

7.00 Secrets of the National Trust with Alan Titchmarsh The host visits Cragside, a Victorian estate in Northumberland; (S) (R) 5 News Update (S)

8

8.00 GPs: Behind Closed Doors Dr Akbani helps two daughters deal with a potentially life-threatening hereditary illness; (S) 5 News Update (S)

9

9.00 Inside John Lewis: Profits & Problems A revealing documentary going behind the scenes of the British institution. (S)

10

10.00 James Bulger: The New Revelations Fresh evidence in the case of the toddler's murder. (S) (R)

11

11.05 Britain's Cocaine Epidemic Lifting the lid on the ordinary people who use or supply the drug. (S) (R)

AFTER 12

12.05 Police Interceptors 1.00 Teleshopping 1.30 Teleshopping 2.00 Teleshopping 2.30 Teleshopping 3.00 Access 3.10 Wentworth Prison 4.00 Cruising with Jane McDonald

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WEDNESDAY'S TV & RADIO

Digital Channel Choice

Blackadder II, GOLD, 8.40pm

The Story of Fertility, W, 9pm

Last Stop Garage, Dave, 8pm

Live Royal London One-Day Cup Cricket, Sky Main Event, 12.30pm

Alibi Sky: 132

7.20 Murdoch Mysteries 9.05 Rizzoli & Isles 10.00 Sue Thomas: FBEye 11.00 Unforgettable 12.00 Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries 1.00 Motive 2.00 Murdoch Mysteries 4.00 Rizzoli & Isles 5.00 Rush 6.00 Motive 7.00 Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries 8.00 Murdoch Mysteries 9.00 Ms Fisher's Modern Murder Mysteries 10.00 The Coroner 11.00 New Tricks 12.20 Crossing Lines 2.30 Murdoch Mysteries 4.00 Teleshopping

Dave Sky: 111 FV: 12

6.00 Teleshopping 7.10 Dara O Briain's Go 8 Bit 8.00 Top Gear 9.00 Storage Hunters 9.55 American Pickers 10.55 World's Most Dangerous Roads 11.55 Red Bull Soapbox Race 12.55 Top Gear India Special 2.50 Top Gear Winter Olympics Special 3.50 Top Gear 5.30 Red Bull Soapbox Race 7.00 World's Most Dangerous Roads 8.00 Last Stop Garage 9.00 QI 10.00 Have I Got a Bit More News for You 11.00 Porters 11.40 Have I Got a Bit More Old News for You 12.40 QI 1.40 Have I Got a Bit More News for You 2.40 Go 8 Bit: DLC 3.05 The Last Man on Earth 4.00 Teleshopping

Drama Sky: 143 FV: 20

7.10 Bergerac 8.00 Juliet Bravo 9.00 Pie in the Sky 10.00 Classic Holby City 11.00 The Bill 1.00 Classic EastEnders 2.20 Bergerac 3.20 Lovejoy 4.20 Pie in the Sky 5.20 Birds of a Feather 6.00 Brush Strokes 6.40 Bread 7.20 Last of the Summer Wine 8.00 Rosemary & Thyme 10.00 New Tricks 11.15 Taggart 2.20 The Bill 3.10 Birds of a Feather 4.00 Teleshopping

Eden Sky: 166

6.00 Teleshopping 9.00 Ten Deadliest Snakes with Nigel Marven 10.00 Jungle Planet 11.00 Madagascar 12.00 Galapagos 1.00 Ten Deadliest Snakes with Nigel Marven 2.00 Jungle Planet 3.00 Forces of Nature with Brian Cox 4.00 Ten Deadliest Snakes with Nigel Marven 5.00 Jungle Planet 6.00 Madagascar 7.00 Galapagos 8.00 Forces of Nature with Brian Cox 9.00 Sea of Creepy Monsters 10.00 Madagascar 11.00 Galapagos 12.00 Sea of Creepy Monsters 1.00 Forces of Nature with Brian Cox 2.00 Ten Deadliest Snakes with Nigel Marven 3.00 Jungle Planet 3.50 Forces of Nature with Brian Cox 4.40 Sea of Creepy Monsters 5.30 Dog's Best Friend

GOLD Sky: 110

7.40 The Piglet Files 8.40 Goodnight Sweetheart 10.00 Last of the Summer Wine 12.00 2point4 Children 1.20 Hi-de-Hi! 2.00 dinnerladies 2.40 2point4 Children 4.00 Last of the Summer Wine 6.00 Hi-de-Hi! 6.40 dinnerladies 7.20 Dad's Army Mainwaring and Wilson are trapped in the bank vault with an unexploded bomb. **8.40 Blackadder II 10.00 Live at the Apollo 11.00 Black Books 12.10 Inside No 9 1.30 The Rebel 2.10 Live at the Apollo 3.00 Harry Hill's TV Burp 4.00 Teleshopping**

Good Food Sky: 133

6.10 Junior Bake Off 8.00 James Martin: Home Comforts 9.00 Heston Blumenthal: In Search of Perfection 10.00 The Hairy Bikers' Asian Adventure 11.00 Donal's Meals in Minutes 11.30 Jamie's 30 Minute Meals 12.00 The Hairy Bikers' Food Tour of Britain 1.00 Junior Bake Off 2.00 James Martin: Home Comforts 3.00 Heston Blumenthal: In Search of Perfection 4.00 Donal's Meals in Minutes 4.30 Jamie's 30 Minute Meals 5.00 The Hairy Bikers' Asian Adventure 6.00 The Hairy Bikers' Food Tour of Britain 7.00 James Martin: Home Comforts 8.00 Heston Blumenthal: In Search of Perfection 9.00 Donal's Meals in Minutes 9.30 Jamie's 30 Minute Meals 10.00 Junior Bake Off 11.00 Luke Nguyen's Asian Food Trail 12.00 James Martin: Home Comforts 1.00 Raymond Blanc's Kitchen Secrets 2.00 Teleshopping 5.00 Raymond Blanc's Kitchen Secrets

Home Sky: 158 FV: 25

7.00 Homes Under the Hammer 8.00 Bargain Hunt 9.00 Flog It! 10.00 MasterChef Australia 11.30 Jamie's 30 Minute Meals 12.00 Ground Force 1.00 Wanted Down Under 2.00 Escape to the Country 3.00 Flog It! 4.00 Bargain Hunt 5.00 Homes Under the Hammer 6.00 Ground Force 7.00 MasterChef Australia 8.30 Jamie's 30 Minute Meals 9.00 Escape to the Country 10.00 DIY SOS: The Big Build 11.00 Bargain Hunt 12.00 Homes Under the Hammer 1.00 Wanted Down Under 1.50 Fantasy Homes by the Sea 3.30 Britain's Ugliest Rooms 4.00 Teleshopping

Really Sky: 142 FV: 17

6.00 Fantasy Homes by the Sea 7.00 Cruise TV with LoveitBookit 8.00 Homes Under the Hammer 10.00 Tipping Point 12.00 Escape to the Country 1.00 Escape to the Country 2.00 Fantasy Homes by the Sea 3.00 Sarah Beeny's Renovate Don't Relocate 4.00 Most Haunted 5.00 Ghost Adventures 6.00 Antiques Road Trip 7.00 Escape to the Country 8.00 Sarah Beeny's Renovate Don't Relocate 9.00 One Born Every Minute 10.00 Nightwatch: Emergency After Dark 11.00 Inside the Ambulance 12.00 Partners in Crime: Fred and Rose West 1.00 Crime Stories 2.00 Teleshopping 4.00 Nightwatch: Emergency After Dark 4.45 My Extreme Weight Loss Journey 5.30 Give a Dog a Home

W Sky: 109

6.15 Extreme Makeover: Home Edition 8.00 Tipping Point 10.00 The Bill 11.00 Inside the Ambulance 12.00 Tipping Point 2.00 My Dream Home 4.00 Renovate My Home: Leave It to Bryan 5.00 Tipping Point 6.00 John Torode's Australia 7.00 Fantasy Homes by the Sea 8.00 Inside the Ambulance 9.00 The Story of Fertility 10.00 The World According to Kids 11.00 The Shift: Women on the Force 12.00 999 Rescue Squad 1.00 Rent a Cop 1.40 Judge Faith 2.00 John Bishop: In Conversation with Ken Loach 3.00 Teleshopping

Yesterday Sky: 155 FV: 19

6.00 Raiders of the Lost Past 8.00 Time Team 9.00 The World at War 10.00 Murder Maps 11.00 Forbidden History 12.00 Time Team 2.00 The Life of Mammals 3.00 David Attenborough's Natural Curiosities 4.00 Murder Maps 5.00 Wartime Crime 6.00 The World at War 7.00 Impossible Engineering 8.00 Hitler's Most Wanted 9.00 Porridge 10.20 Steptoe and Son 11.00 Open All Hours 1.00 Raiders of the Lost Past 3.00 Teleshopping

Film4 Sky: 313 FV: 15

11.00 Garfield 2: A Tale of Two Kitties (2006) (U) 12.35 Ice Age (2002) (U) 2.10 Over the Hedge (2006) (U) 3.50 Back to the Future Part III (1990) (PG) 6.10 Exodus: Gods and Kings (2014) (12) 9.00 Eddie the Eagle (2016) (PG) 11.10 Commando (1985) (18) 12.55 Monsters: Dark Continent (2014) (15) 3.20 Close

BBC4 Sky: 116 FV: 9

7.00 Beyond 100 Days; Weather 7.30 Secrets of Bones 8.00 Kolkata with Sue Perkins 9.00 Julius Caesar Revealed 10.00 The Normans 11.00 Blazes and Brigades: The Story of the Fire Service 12.00 The Joy of Stats 1.00 Buddha: Genius of the Ancient World 2.00 Kolkata with Sue Perkins 3.00 Julius Caesar Revealed 4.00 Close

Sky Main Event Sky: 401

6.00 Good Morning Sports Fans Bitesize 7.00 Good Morning Sports Fans 8.30 Rugby Greatest Games 8.40 Live ANZ Premiership Netball 10.15 Sky Sports Boxing Gold 10.30 Sky Sports News 12.30 Live Royal London One-Day Cup Cricket 9.00 Sky Sports Tonight 10.00 The Debate 11.00 Sky Sports News 2.00 NBA GameTime 2.30 Live NBA: Utah @ Houston 5.00 NBA GameTime 5.30 Sporting Records

Radio

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RADIO 1
97.6-99.8 FM

6.30 The Radio 1 Breakfast Show with Greg James. **10.00** Clara Amfo. **12.45** Newsbeat. **1.00** Scott Mills. **4.00** Jordan North. **5.45** Newsbeat. **6.00** Jordan North. **7.00** Radio 1's Future Sounds with Annie Mac. **9.00** Rickie, Melvin and Charlie. **11.00** Radio 1's Indie Show with Jack Saunders. **1.00** Benji B. **3.00** Radio 1's Drag Queen's Den. **3.30** Radio 1's Workout Mix. **4.00** Early Breakfast with Adele Roberts.

RADIO 2
88-90.2 FM

5.00 Nicki Chapman. **6.30** The Zoe Ball Breakfast Show. **9.30** Jo Whiley. **12.00** Vanessa Feltz. **2.00** Steve Wright in the Afternoon. **5.00** Sara Cox. **7.00** Ricky Wilson. **9.00** The Folk Show with Mark Radcliffe. **10.00** Trevor Nelson's Rhythm Nation. **12.00** OJ Borg. **3.00** Pick of the Pops.

RADIO 3
90.2-92.4 FM

6.30 Breakfast. **9.00** Essential Classics. **12.00** Composer of the Week: Berg. **1.00** News. **1.02** Radio 3 Lunchtime Concert. **2.00** Afternoon Concert. **3.30** Choral Evensong. **4.30** New Generation Artists. **5.00** In Tune. **7.00** In Tune Mixtape. **7.30** Radio 3 in Concert. **10.00** Free Thinking. **10.45** The Essay: Behold the Man. **11.00** Late Junction. **12.30** Through the Night.

RADIO 4
92.4-94.6 FM

5.30 News Briefing. **5.43** Prayer for the Day. **5.45** Farming Today. **5.58** Tweet of the Day. **6.00** Today. **9.00** New Ways of Seeing. **9.30** The Curious Cases of Rutherford & Fry. **9.45** (LW) Daily Service. **9.45** (FM) Book of the Week: Michael Tippett: The Biography. **10.00** Woman's Hour. **10.55** The Listening Project. **11.00** My Name Is. **11.30** Ability. **12.00** News. **12.01** (LW) Shipping Forecast. **12.04** Adrian Mole and the Weapons of Mass Destruction. **12.18** You and Yours. **12.57** Weather. **1.00** The World at One. **1.45** One to One. **2.00** The Archers. **2.15** Drama: Death at the Airport: The Plot Against Kim Jong-nam. **3.00** Money Box Live. **3.30** In Their Element. **4.00** Thinking Allowed. **4.30** The Media Show. **5.00** PM. **5.54** (LW) Shipping Forecast. **5.57** Weather. **6.00** Six O'Clock News. **6.30** Fags, Mags and Bags. **7.00** The Archers. **7.15** Front Row. **7.45** The Citadel. **8.00** FutureProofing. **8.45** Lent Talks. **9.00** Costing the Earth. **9.30** New Ways of Seeing. **9.59** Weather. **10.00** The World Tonight. **10.45** Book at Bedtime: Adrian Mole and the Weapons of Mass Destruction. **11.00** Bunk Bed. **11.15** Kieran Hodgson's Earworms. **11.30** The Untold. **12.00** News and Weather. **12.30** Book of the Week: Michael Tippett: The Biography. **12.48** Shipping Forecast. **1.00** As BBC World Service. **5.20** Shipping Forecast.

RADIO 5 LIVE
693 & 909 MW

5.00 Morning Reports. **5.15** Wake Up to Money. **6.00** 5 Live Breakfast. **9.00** Your Call. **10.00** The Emma Barnett Show with Clare McDonnell. **1.00** Nihal Arthanayake. **4.00** 5 Live Drive. **7.00** 5 Live Sport. **8.00** 5 Live Sport: Champions League Football 2018-19. Live Champions League football coverage from tonight's quarter-final, second leg matches. **10.30** Geoff Lloyd. **1.00** Up All Night.

TALKSPORT
1053 & 1089 MW

6.00 The Alan Brazil Sports Breakfast with David Seaman. **10.00** Jim White, Simon Jordan and Bob Mills. **1.00** Hawksbee and Jacobs. **4.00** Adrian Durham and Darren Gough. **7.00** kick-off. **10.00** Sports Bar. **1.00** Extra Time with Jordan Jarrett-Bryan.

BBC NEWCASTLE
95.4, 96, 104.4, MW: 1458 FM

5.00 Nick Roberts. **6.00** Gilly Hope. **7.00** Alfie and Anna at Breakfast. **10.00** Lisa Shaw. **12.00** Simon Logan. **4.00** Charlie Charlton. **5.00** Total Sport. **7.00** Nick Roberts. **8.00** Tamsin Robson. **10.00** Steffen Peddie. **1.00** As Radio 5 Live.

RADIO TYNESIDE
93.6 FM

6.00 Early Morning Jukebox. **8.00** Good Morning Tyneside. **10.00** Morning Call. **12.00** Lunchbreak. **2.00** Afternoon Show. **4.00** Teatime on Tyneside. **6.00** 60s at Six. **7.00** 70s at Seven. **8.00** Evening Shift. **10.00** Geordie Hour. **11.00** American Country Show. **12.00** Night Sounds.

BBC TEES
95 FM

6.00 Neil Green and Amy Oakden. **9.00** Mike Parr. **12.00** Scott Makin. **4.00** Antony Collins. **6.00** Sport. **7.00** Bob Fischer in the Evening. **10.00** Steffen Peddie. **1.00** As Radio 5 Live.

103.4 SUN FM
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6.00 Simon and Lauren. **11.00** Carl Hughes. **3.00** Tim West. **7.00** Dave Sherwood. **10.00** The Late Show. **12.00** The Nightshift.

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TV CHOICE

CHIMERICA
Channel 4, 9pm

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THE BAY
ITV, 9pm

A confession to Lisa shines a possible new light on Dylan's killer. Meanwhile, Abbie has a terrifying experience with some local addicts, and Rob's escalating actions begin to impact on his family. Elsewhere, Med starts to suspect Lisa is hiding something from him and begins to make his own investigations. Six-part crime drama following the work of Detective Sergeant Lisa Armstrong as she is assigned to a missing persons investigation. Starring Morven Christie, Jonas Armstrong, Tracie Bennett and Lindsey Coulson.

MOTHERFATHERSON
BBC2, 9pm

As the nation stands on the brink, Max finds himself under the spotlight after his newspapers take the blame for the murder of the Prime Minister's son. Kathryn must decide whether to make a huge sacrifice for the sake of exposing the truth and destroying Max's empire.

EARTH FROM SPACE
BBC1, 9pm

New series. Cameras in space tell stories of life on our planet from a brand new perspective, to reveal new discoveries and explore Earth's most remote habitats. The opening edition takes a look at the impact animals have on their habitat, as previously unknown penguin colonies are revealed, while strange shapes that resemble road systems are discovered to have been made by hippos as they travel to their feeding grounds.

FILM

EDDIE THE EAGLE
Film4, 9pm

Biopic of British sporting underdog Eddie Edwards. Determined to fulfil his dreams of becoming an Olympic athlete, Edwards trains as a ski jumper – a field in which Britain had no other competitors. He secures a place in the 1988 Winter Olympics, where his can-do attitude makes him a media sensation in the face of a losing streak. Starring Taron Egerton, Hugh Jackman and Christopher Walken.

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(Ashington). Passed away on 9th April 2019 aged 81 years. Doreen nee Hindmarsh beloved Wife of the late Joe, much loved Mam of Angela & Marc, Mother in law of Warren & Jill, adored Grandma of Sarah also a loving Sister. Funeral service to take place at St John's church Seaton Hirst on Wednesday 24th April at 11.15am followed by a private cremation at Cowpen crematorium Blyth. Friends please meet at the church. Family flowers only donations in lieu if desired to Ashington British Legion. A donation box will be available at Newbiggin Golf Club, where all are welcome for refreshments after the service. Enquiries to A. J. Gascoigne & Son. Tel. 01670 818351.

JOHNSTONE JAMES SCOUGAL (JIMMY)

(ASHINGTON). Peacefully on 5th April 2019 aged 78 years. James Scougal (Jimmy), dearly loved Dad of Les, Charlie, Jamie, Glen, Tammy and Terry. Devoted Grandad of Leigh, Bruce, Callum, Finlay and Ellie Leigh, Great Grandad of James, Shaun, Georgina and Mikey. Brother of Bob and Uncle of Tracy. All please meet for funeral service to be held at Cowpen Crematorium on Thursday 25th April, 2019 at 11.30 am. Family flowers only by request. Donations in lieu of flowers if desired to Palliative Care Unit, Wansbeck Hospital. A donation box will be available at the crematorium.

MACKINTOSH GEOFFREY

(Kenton). Geoffrey, aged 57 years, died peacefully in hospital on Wednesday, 10th April 2019. Much loved son of Ray and the late Kathleen, loved brother of Judith and Paul. A Committal Service will be held at the West Road Crematorium on Tuesday, 23rd April at 11.15am prior to a Service of Thanksgiving at Trinity Church, Gosforth, NE3 4AG at 12.15pm. After the service friends are welcome to join the family for light refreshments in the Church Hall. No flowers by request, donations can be made at the service in aid of Tyneside Kidney Patients Association (TKPA). Enquiries c/o Mark Wait Funeral Service. Tel. 0191 285 6635

SMITH CRAWFORD

(Felton). Peacefully on 13th April 2019 aged 82 years. Crawford, beloved husband of Hilda, loving dad of Colin, Barry and Sheena, he will be greatly missed by all his family and friends. A funeral service will be held at Cowpen Crematorium on Friday 26th April at 13:45pm. No flowers please. Donations in lieu to the Parkinsons Society a donation box will be at the Crematorium. All enquires to Co-op Funeralcare Amble Telephone: 01665 710437

STREET THOMAS

(Stakeford). Passed away peacefully with his loving family by his side on 11th April 2019, aged 80 years. Beloved husband of Jean, much loved dad of David & Melissa, Christine & Norman and Fiona & Geoff, devoted grandad of Alicia, Liam, Georgia and Danny, also a devoted great-grandad of Mason, Thomas and Bump. Would friends please meet for Service and Cremation at Cowpen Crematorium on Tuesday, 23rd April, 10.45am. Family flowers only please, donations in lieu if desired to Wansbeck General Hospital Oncology Unit for which a box will be provided c/o John Grenfell & Son, 3 Front Street West, Bedlington, Tel: (01670) 823204.

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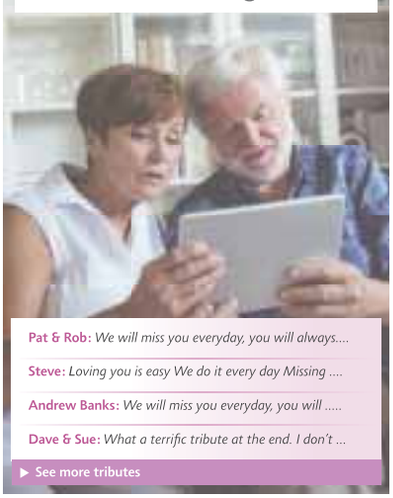

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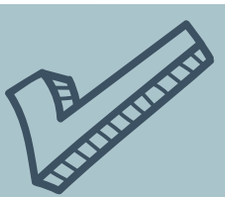

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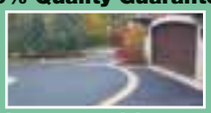

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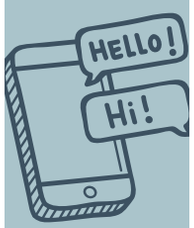

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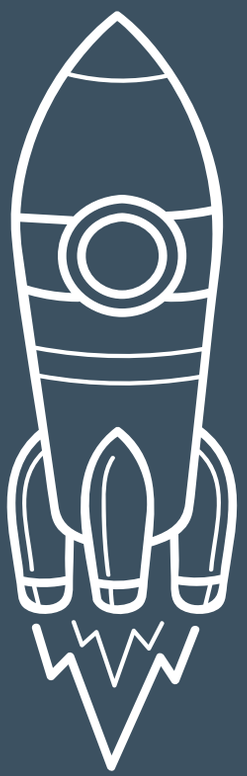

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Public Notices

Public Notices

City of Newcastle upon Tyne
Town and Country Planning Act 1990
Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990
Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015

I give notice that the following application(s) have been made to the City of Newcastle upon Tyne. You can look at the application(s), plans and other submitted documents on our website at www.newcastle.gov.uk/viewplanning or by visiting the City Library, First Floor, Charles Avison Building, 33 New Bridge Street West, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE1 8AX between 10:00am and 4:30pm Monday to Friday.
You can make comments online or in writing to Development Management, Civic Centre, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE1 8QH.
Please quote the appropriate reference number. Anonymous comments will not be taken into account, so please state your name, address and postcode. Any comments you make will be scanned and made publicly available to view on our website.
Comments about the following application(s) must be received by 10 May 2019

Reference: 2019/0459/01/LBC
Location: 20 Pilgrim Street
Proposal: Listed Building Application: Alterations to elevations including repainting of shop fronts, erection of two illuminated fascia signs, illuminated roundel, two illuminated projecting signs and vinyls to window and internal alterations including removal and provision of and alterations to partition walls and removal of suspended ceilings
Applicant: 3F (EN) Ltd

Departure from the approved development plan.
Reference: 2019/0456/01/DET
Location: Vacant, 167 Walker Road
Proposal: Change of use of offices and warehouse (Class B1) to brewery with tap room and shop (sui generis), alterations to elevations and erection of pergola with balustrade to north for creation of beer garden
Applicant: Lanchester Wine Cellars Ltd
Reference: 2019/0463/01/DET
Location: Blakelaw Road Recreation Ground, Blakelaw Road
Proposal: City Council Development: Replacement of existing sports facilities with artificial 3G pitch, two 5 v 5 football pens, floodlighting, fencing, a MUGA, skate park, outdoor cycle track, children's play area and sports pavilion with changing rooms, fitness suite, community space/cafe and studio space and extension to existing car park area
Applicant: Director Of Public Health, Newcastle City Council
Reference: 2019/0441/01/DET
Location: Land Below, Ouseburn Viaduct
Proposal: Erection of a temporary structure to provide venue space for cultural activity and associated landscape works
Applicant: Ouseburn Trust
Reference: 2019/0338/01/LBC
Location: 31C Leazes Terrace
Proposal: Listed Building Application: Installation of rooflights to front and rear, relocation of boiler flue and internal alterations including removal of original staircase and installation of spiral staircase, removal and erection of partition walls, relocation of boiler flue and alterations to ceilings
Applicant: Jon Keyte Forestry

Kath Lawless, Assistant Director, Planning, City of Newcastle upon Tyne

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990
PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) ACT 1990 (as amended)
SHERIFF HILL, ROWLANDS GILL, LOW FELL, WHICKHAM CONSERVATION AREA

TAKE NOTICE that the Borough Council of Gateshead has received application(s) for planning permission in respect of the site(s) mentioned in the schedule hereto, which lies(s) within the above Conservation Area.

SCHEDULE

LOCATION OF SITE	NATURE OF APPLICATION
20 Kells Lane Low Fell Gateshead NE9 5SJ	Demolition of front porch, off shoot, garage, out buildings and sections of perimeter walls. Two storey flat roofed extension to side, new flat roof and render to single storey rear extension, and new gate access to new parking bays. **Ref No: DC/19/00249/HHA**
Sowlers Wood Dene Road Rowlands Gill Central Rowlands Gill NE39 1DU	Single storey front extension, to re-render the first floor level and to spray the existing windows grey **Ref No: DC/19/00250/HHA**
13 Primrose Hill Low Fell Gateshead, NE9 5XP	Proposed single storey rear extension **Ref No: DC/19/00271/HHA**
3 School Lane Whickham Newcastle Upon Tyne NE16 4SL	Change of use from first floor hairdresser/beauty salon (A1 authorised use) to a flat (C3) **Ref No: DC/19/00287/FUL**

You can view the application, plans and documents at http://public.gateshead.gov.uk/online-applications/ or at the Communities and Environment reception, Civic Centre, Regent Street, Gateshead, Monday to Thursday 08:45 - 17:00, Friday 08:45 - 16:35 during the period 21 days from the date of this Notice. Any persons who wish to make any representation to the Council about the application should make them in writing within the 21 day period to the Service Director, Development, Transport and Public Protection at the address shown below or enquiriesdevcon@gateshead.gov.uk
Dated: 17 April 2019
Anneliese Hutchinson, Service Director, Development, Transport and Public Protection, Civic Centre, Regent Street, Gateshead NE8 1HH

Notice of application for the grant of a Premises Licence under Section 17 of the Licensing Act 2003

Notice is hereby given that Namco UK Limited has applied to Gateshead Council for the grant of a Premises Licence in respect of Premises to be known as Angry Birds Adventure Golf, Unit 9C, Metro Centre, Swalewell, Gateshead, NE11 9XY. The proposed licensable activities and their hours are: to permit the sale of alcohol and regulated entertainment Monday to Sunday 1000 to 2330; provision of late night refreshment Monday to Sunday 2300 to Midnight; opening hours Monday to Sunday 1000 to Midnight. Any representations regarding the above-mentioned application must be received in writing by The Licensing Department, Gateshead Council, Civic Centre, Regent Street, Gateshead, NE8 1HH no later than 9th may 2019 stating the grounds for representation. The register of Gateshead Council and the record of the application may be inspected at the address of the council, given above, during normal business hours or on the council's website - www.gateshead.gov.uk
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Poppleston Allen
37 Stoney Street, The Lace Market, Nottingham, NG1 1LS

LICENSING ACT 2003
NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A NEW PREMISES LICENCE

Applicant: Flint Pizza Ltd. Premises: Flint Pizza, 218a Chillingham Road, Newcastle Upon Tyne, NE6 5LP. Notice is hereby given that Flint Pizza Ltd has applied on the 11th April 2019 to Newcastle City Council for a New Premises Licence under the Licensing Act 2003. The application sought is to permit recorded and live music Monday to Sunday 11.00 to 23.00 and supply of alcohol Monday to Sunday 11.00 to 22.30. The opening hours of the premises will be Monday to Sunday 11.00 to 23.00. Seasonal Variations and Restaurant Style. Conditions will apply. Anyone who wishes to make representations regarding this application must give notice in writing to the Licensing Department, Newcastle City Council, Civic Centre, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE1 8QH. Representations must be received no later than 9th May 2019. The application record and register may be viewed during normal office hours at the above address or at www.newcastle.gov.uk. It is an offence under Section 158 of the Licensing Act 2003, to knowingly or recklessly make a false statement in connection with an application and the maximum fine for which a person is liable on summary conviction for the offence is up to level 5 on the standard scale (£5000).
ASPIRE LICENSING

Legal Notices

HANNAH JOSEPHINE MOORE (Deceased)

Pursuant to the Trustee Act 1925 any persons having a claim against or an interest in the Estate of the aforementioned deceased, late of 11 Hall Road Chopwell Newcastle upon Tyne NE17 7AF, who died on 13/09/2018, are required to send particulars thereof in writing to the undersigned Solicitors on or before 28/06/2019, after which date the Estate will be distributed having regard only to claims and interests of which they have had notice.
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'Tino Asprilla' warning over England call-up for new arrival Archer

RORY DOLLARD
Agency staff

MARK Wood has warned England must work hard to ensure Jofra Archer does not become cricket's answer to Faustino Asprilla as a much-discussed World Cup selection edges near.

England will today name a provisional 15-man squad for the tournament at Lord's, alongside an expanded panel of 17 for the preceding series against Pakistan - and the status of the uncapped and newly-available Archer is the issue on everybody's lips.

The 24-year-old Barbadian, who recently qualified on residency grounds and is playing in the Indian Premier League alongside Ben Stokes and Jos Buttler at Rajasthan Royals, is certain to be in at least one of those as he looks to gatecrash the competition at the 11th hour.

Wood's place is unlikely to be under threat after a stellar tour of the West Indies but he outlined the need to guard against disruption to the world's top ODI team, delving deep into the annals of footballing history to do so.

You still want to keep moving forward but does that change the dynamic?

Former Colombia international Asprilla had a long and storied career but is often remembered on these shores for his stint at Newcastle, signing in 1996 amid huge fanfare with the club topping the Premier League but subsequently criticised by some for destabilising the team as they failed to hold on to their lead.

Wood, an Ashington boy who supports AFC Wimbledon rather than the Magpies, said: "I was speaking about this with the lads at Durham and it was the old Kevin Keegan thing, bringing in Tino Asprilla because you want to keep the team at the top.

"You still want to keep moving forward but does that change the dynamic? Does it mix it up?

"All of a sudden you can lose the momentum and drop down.

"There is no doubt Jofra is a world-class player. He plays in the hardest tournaments, the IPL and the Big Bash, and excels.

"He would be a great asset but would that affect the dynamic of the team?

"Would I want to see someone like Liam Plunkett, who has been our best bowler for three years, left out? No.

"Would I want to see myself left out? Obviously not. Would I want to see David Willey, who I am close friends with and who gives you a left-arm option, left out? No.

"Would I want to see Chris Woakes, who I am good friends with and has taken loads of wickets, left out? No.

"Or Tom Curran, who has bowled well?

"It is hard to see. Does anyone deserve to be left out? I don't know."

> Tino Asprilla arrives to join Kevin Keegan's Entertainers

> Jofra Archer

NORTHUMBERLAND GIRLS ACQUIT THEMSELVES WELL AT ST ANDREWS

A RECORD seven Northumberland girls competed in the 54-hole Scottish Girls' Open Championship played over the par-71 Eden Course at St Andrews, ***writes CHRIS ROBINSON***.

The best score, from a field of 120, came from 16-year-old England under-18 girl international Jess Baker (Gosforth Park Ladies) who aggregated 224 (77-73-74) and tied 22nd.

In a difficult wind, and on a tough championship course, Baker opened with a 77 but, in a second-round 73, reached the turn in 36 - one over par.

She played well to the 16th and 17th but nose-dived with back-to-back bogeys before recovering with a great birdie at the par-four 18th and a third-round 74. Rosie Belsham from Whitley Bay, also an England under-18 girl international, was second best with an aggregate of 226 (72-77-77).

Belsham had a birdie at the par- five second, slipped with a bogey at the third, but had superb birdie twos at the fifth and eighth to turn in 34 – two under. On the challenging back nine, Belsham slipped with a double bogey at the par-four 12th and bogeys at the 16th and 17th but hit back with a third two at the 18th, returning in 37.

Libby Bell, 13, of Gosforth Park Ladies had an excellent aggregate of 227 (73-79-75) to be joint 31st.

In the first round she reached the turn in 36, including three birdies, andon the back nine had seven pars and two bogeys for 37.

Maggie Whitehead (Close House) had three scores in the 70s aggregating 229 (79-73-77) and with an excellent second-round 73 was joint 37th.

Arcot Hall's Rachel Gourley, also 13, aggregated 233 (74-78-81) and was 59th while Zara Naughton (Matfen Hall) 157 (75-82) and Faye Wheatley (Gosforth Park Ladies) 164 (84-80) both missed the 36-hole cut.

Baker, *pictured,* said: "Playing at St Andrews was an amazing experience and, although the greens were tough, I adapted pretty well. There's so much to learn playing in these big tournaments."

Sian Oakley, captain of the Northumberland Ladies, said: "To have seven girls from Northumberland competing at St Andrews was fantastic and five making the final day was the icing on the cake."

SPORT TODAY

FOOTBALL

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CHAMPIONS LEAGUE QUARTER-FINAL SECOND LEGS
Man City v Tottenham 2000
Porto v Liverpool 2000
WOMEN'S SUPER LEAGUE
Yeovil v Reading .....
EBAC NORTHERN LEAGUE DIVISION TWO
Brandon United v Billingham Synthonia 1930
TWR BI FOLDS WEARSIDE LEAGUE
Coxhoe Athletic v Richmond Town 1830
Hartlepool FC v Horden CW 1830
Darlington RA v Silksworth CW 1930

CRICKET

ROYAL LONDON ONE-DAY CUP GROUP A
Durham v Northamptonshire .....
Lancashire v Worcestershire .....
Yorkshire v Leicestershire .....
GROUP B
Glamorgan v Essex .....
Gloucestershire v Surrey .....
Kent v Hampshire .....

OTHER SPORTS

TENNIS: Monte Carlo: Rolex Masters.
GOLF: Oahu: LOTTE Championship (to Apr 20).
SWIMMING: Glasgow: British Championships.
RACING: Beverley, Cheltenham, Newmarket, Southwell.

SPORT ON TV

FOOTBALL: Champions League, Man City v Tottenham - BT Sport 2 1900, Porto v Liverpool - BT Sport 3 1900; Ligue 1, Nantes v Paris St Germain - BT Sport/ESPN 1800.
CRICKET: One-Day Cup, Kent v Hampshire - Sky Sports Main Event & Sky Sports Cricket 1230; IPL, Sunrisers Hyderabad v Chennai Super Kings - BT Sport 1 1515.
BASEBALL: MLB, Milwaukee Brewers v St Louis Cardinals - BT Sport 1 2000, New York Yankees v Boston Red Sox - BT Sport/ESPN 2330.
HORSE RACING: Newmarket - ITV 4 1330.

GREYHOUNDS

NEWCASTLE (BAGS)

11.11 (480m): Point Frozen, Bit View Lisa, Church Hard, Taxi Twofifty, Alnwick Magic, Elwick Louda.
11.26 (480m H/c): Juicy Rocky (11), Angelas Rocket (8), Wraysbury Maggs (7), Dipton Maestro (2), Talk of the Town (1), Greenmount Ace (scr).
11.41 (480m): That Oldchestnut, Old Fort Outlaw, Business Degree, Mustang Fling, Target Chris, A Bit of Neville (W).
11.56 (480m): Harley Quinn, View Fuel, View Catwalk, Watermill Fearne, Brae Pearl, Dunvegan Lad (W).
12.11 (480m H/c): View Blue (13), Geordie Liam (12), Sporty Ranger (5), Wassyl (3), Set Your Sights (2), Mill Federer (scr).
12.26 (290m): Blue Lad, Ballinakill Alan, Kenzie Mac, Nuthill Magic, Target Lloyd, Mill Gianni.
12.42 (480m): Bambahurricane, Turn The Screw, Easy Care, Keg Master, Macaroon Dazzle, Ellies Ocean (W).
12.57 (640m H/c): Plankey Mill (9), Mustang Andy (W) (9), Highview Passion (7), Gillywiggs (6), Target Slick (3), Head Puma (scr).
1.12 (480m): View Panda, Wee Davys Girl, Fardoe Blue, Canny Jet, Estella, Canny Decision (W).
1.27 480m): Target Flight, Bertha Chomps, Upupandaway, Geordie Ariana, Marks Evie, Swift Niko (W).
1.44 (480m): Get On Lola, Blackjack Boss, Mill Harold, Colliery Shearer, Georgies Black, Sporty Clyde (W).
1.59 (480m): Queenies Tommy, Chantells Lady, Highclere Zena, Mill Hunter, Styamra Hazel, Alnwick Ted (W).
Reserves: Bog Trotter, Butidontdrink, Dirtbird Vic, Everyones Pal, Jintis Mate, Local Music, Ragmans Whisky, Shellam Cobie, Sporty Matt, Styamra Breeze.

SUNDERLAND

6.22 (450m): Kilbayrry Lucky, Drumcrow Nicky, Lughill Jerry (M), Havana Tip Top (M), Elsaofarendelle (M), Katies Cares (M).
6.39 (450m): Monitor Closely, All White, Witton Lucy (M), Pity Me Grace, Rathmore Feather (M), Jumbos Kacy (M).
6.55 (640m H/c): Excel (12), Greenhall Stella (M) (12), Witton Oyster (W) (11), Fiftytwosteps (W) (8), Fiddle Faddle (5), Shelby Bobiden (M) (scr)..
7.09 (450m): Get Lucky Kenny, Ballysax Claire, Mill Mauricio (M), Holycross Hero (M), Suncroft Ned (M), Fairholme Beauty (W).
7.26 (261m): Lughill Rita, Kilwest Razl, Ballymartin Nina (M), Shes A Gift (M), Brunswick Oak (M), Hilldun Rose (M).
7.42 (261m H/c): Sarah Casanova (8), travel Violin (6), Head Up Haribo (M) (2), Clonlusk Concord (1), Savana Sneezy (M) (1), Rathmeehan Conor (W) (scr).
7.57 450m): Cabra Trooper, Ballyknock Fizz, Witton Lightning (M), Leahys Rocket (M), Cashen KAfue (M), Uncle Rainbow (W).
8.13 (450m H/c): Crossfield Diane (20), Monroe Supreme (M) (14), Cairns Lulu (M) (13), Amelias Jem (M) (10), Killacollla Dude (M) (7), Havana Go (W) (scr).
8.29 (450m): Connors Boy, Mill Erika, Kilcarn Molly, Springwell Palm (M), Mouna Dolerite (M), Nutty Percy (W).
8.44 (450m): Drumcrow Izzy, Millwood Susie, Raparee Amy (M), Mackem Proud (M), Kileduff Manor (M), Springwell Sal (W).
8.59 (450m H/c): Its Not (20), Ring Me Back (15), Chicagain (M) (15), Coaltown Ash (M) (14), On Record (M) (11), Amys Sky (scr).
9.14 (450m): Mineola Mary, Pioneer Poppy, Annagh Beauty (M), Future Hope (M), Drumsna Lulu (M), The Other Ben (W).
Reserves: Ballysax Dot (M), Cairns Cilla, Cashen Wouri (M), Coolykereen Rope (W), Cosmic Starlit (M), Howya Daisy, Leeholme Pixie (M), Santro Sweet, Thai Lady, Witton Orchid (M), Witton Tornado (M), Yacht Star (M).

SPORT

NEWMARKET TODAY

Going: Good to firm-good in places
Draw: Any advantage in the draw is dependent on the position of the stalls.

1.50 *BET365 HANDICAP (2) (3-Y-O) 6f Winner £16,172 (11 run) ITV4/RTV*

1 (7) 32- **MOYASSAR** (168) R Hannon 9-7 (BF, D) Jim Crowley 85
2 (5) 35- **JACK'S POINT** (155) W Muir 9-6 Martin Dwyer 85
3 (1) 13- **BREATH OF AIR** (172) C Hills 9-2 (D) Ryan Moore 87
4 (2) 5-2 **CHAPELLI** (8) M Johnston 9-2 James Doyle 86
5 (8) 436 **DON ARMADO** (46) S C Williams 9-1 (D2) Richard Kingscote 83
6 (10) 0-4 **OBERYN MARTELL** (55) Eve J-Houghton 9-1 (D) Charles Bishop 70
7 (3) 26- **YOUSINI** (217) K Ryan 9-0 Tom Eaves 88
8 (9) 19- **NAUGHTY RASCAL** (172) R Hannon 9-0 (D2) Tom Marquand 93
9 (11) 40- **ALFIE SOLOMONS** (193) Richard Spencer 8-13 Tom Queally 80
10 (6) 2-1 **TOP BREEZE** (23) R Hughes 8-9 (D) Shane Kelly —
11 (4) 85- **SHEILA'S SHOWCASE** (191) D Coakley 8-4 David Egan 99

BETTING: 11-4 Breath Of Air, 4 Chapelli, 5 Moyassar, 7 Top Breeze, 10 Yousini, 12 Oberyn Martell, 14 Don Armado, Alfie Solomons, Naughty Rascal, 20 Others.
2018: MAYBRIDE 8 10, O Murphy 6-1 (R Fahey), drawn (2), 9 ran.

FORM GUIDE: BREATH OF AIR 5-1 Tracked leader, ridden to lead over 1f out, headed inside final furlong, kept on one pace, 3rd of 9, 4 1/2l behind San Donato at Doncaster 6f 2yo lst stk (1) gs in Oct. **CHAPELLI** 13-2 Prominent, ridden to lead approaching final furlong, headed towards finish, 2nd of 11, 1/2l behind Ventura Ocean at Pontefract 6f 3yo hcp 0-95 (3) gf. **MOYASSAR** 6-4fav Chased leaders, went 2nd inside final furlong, strong challenge and every chance well inside final furlong, just failed, 2nd of 7, shd behind She Can Boogie at Nottingham 5f 2yo hcp (2) gf in Oct. **TOP BREEZE** 4-6fav Led, headed over 3f out, led again over 1f out, nudged out, won at Wolverhampton 5f nov stk (5) in Mar beating Sound Of Iona by 1 1/2l, 11 ran. **YOUSINI** 7-1 In touch in rear, ridden over 1f out, never a factor, 6th of 7, 10l behind Khaadem at Doncaster 6f 2yo stks (2) gs in Sep. **OBERYN MARTELL** 10-1 Led, driven when pressed over 1f out, headed inside final furlong, no extra, 4th of 8, 1 1/4l behind Liberation Day at Wolverhampton 6f 3yo hcp 0-90 (3) in Feb. **ALFIE SOLOMONS** 33-1 In touch towards stands side, ridden 2f out, never on terms, weakened final furlon, 20th of 21, 24l behind Summer Daydream at Redcar 6f Lstd auc stks (1) gd in Oct. **DON ARMADO** 12-1 In touch, ridden and weakened over 1f out, eased final furlong, last of 6, 38l behind Fanaar at Lingfield 7f 3yo Listed stks (1) pol in Mar. **NAUGHTY RASCAL** 5-1 Keen to post, soon chasing leaders, weakened over 1f out, 9th of 14, 5l behind Luxor at Newbury 6f 2yo hcp 0-95 (3) gs in Oct. **JACK'S POINT** 5th of 10, 6l behind Barbill at Chantilly(FR) 5f 2yo lst stk sft in Nov. **SHEILA'S SHOWCASE** 5-1 Led, driven and headed over 1f out, weakened well inside final furlong, 5th of 10, 3 1/2l behind Intuitive at Kempton 6f 2yo nov stks (5) pol in Oct.

2.25 *BET365 WOOD DITTON MAIDEN STAKES (PLUS 10) (3) (3-Y-O) 1m Winner £9,704 (12 run) ITV4/RTV*

1 (2) **AL HADEER** W Haggas 9-5 Jim Crowley —
2 (4) **DAMLAJ** Owen Burrows 9-5 Dane O'Neill —
3 (5) **DESERT ICON** W Haggas 9-5 James Doyle —
4 (7) **GEOMATRICIAN** A Balding 9-5 David Probert —
5 (3) **JUNOOH** Sir M Stoute 9-5 Ryan Moore —
6 (1) **KUNG FU** S Crisford 9-5 Silvestre De Sousa —
7 (9) **MUTARAFFA** C Hills 9-5 Richard Kingscote —
8 (6) **SAMBA SARAVAH** J Noseda 9-5 Jason Watson —
9 (11) **UAE JEWEL** R Varian 9-5 Andrea Atzeni —
10 (8) **WILD ANIMAL** S bin Suroor 9-5 C Soumillon —
11 (12) **CAESONIA** C Hills 9-0 Jamie Spencer —
12 (10) **INSPIRATIONAL** E Dunlop 9-0 Daniel Muscutt —

BETTING: 7-2 Al Hadeer, 4 Uae Jewel, 5 Wild Animal, 6 Junooh, Desert Icon, 14 Damlaj, 16 Samba Saravah, Mutaraffa, Caesonia, Kung Fu, 25 Others.
2018: SAWWAAH 9 5, Dane O'Neill 25-1 (Owen Burrows), drawn (19), 19 ran.

FORM GUIDE: AL HADEER War Front colt out of Storybook. **UAE JEWEL** Dubawi colt out of Gemstone. **WILD ANIMAL** Kingman colt out of Epic Similie. **DESERT ICON** Sea The Stars colt out of Plume Rose. **JUNOOH** Le Havre colt out of Mumayeza. **DAMLAJ** Shamardal colt out of Mahaatheer. **CAESONIA** Garswood filly out of Agrippina. **KUNG FU** Kingman colt out of Cubanita. **MUTARAFFA** Acclamation gelding out of Excellent View. **SAMBA SARAVAH** Union Rags colt out of Caragh Queen. **GEOMATRICIAN** Mastercraftsman colt out of Madonna Dell'orto. **INSPIRATIONAL** Slade Power filly out of Refuse To Give Up.

3.00 *ABERNANT STAKES (GROUP 3) (1) 6f Winner £34,026 (8 run) ITV4/RTV*

1 (6) 24- **BRANDO** (179) K Ryan 7 9-7 (CD2) Tom Eaves 87
2 (1) 67- **DREAMFIELD** (235) J Gosden 5 9-7 (BF, C, D2) James Doyle 79
3 (3) 4-3 **EQUILATERAL** (18) C Hills 4 9-7 (BF, D) Ryan Moore 99
4 (4) 5-6 **GIFTED MASTER** (39) H Palmer 6 9-7 (CD2) Jason Watson 84
5 (7) -18 **KEYSTROKE** (39) S C Williams 7 9-7 (D) Adam Kirby —
6 (8) -55 **SIR THOMAS GRESHAM** (51) Tim Pinfield 4 9-7 (BF, CD) Martin Dwyer 70
7 (2) 07- **TIME'S ARROW** (213) D O'Meara 5 9-7 (D2) Daniel Tudhope 75
8 (5) 17- **YAFTA** (242) R Hannon 4 9-7 (CD) Jim Crowley 84

BETTING: 6-4 Brando, 3 Dreamfield, 11-2 Yafta, 7 Gifted Master, Equilateral, 20 Time's Arrow, 25 Keystroke, 33 Sir Thomas Gresham.
2018: BRANDO 6 9 7, T Eaves 9-2 (K Ryan), drawn (6), 8 ran.

FORM GUIDE: BRANDO 13-2 Dwelt, soon well in touch in 5th, headway chasing leaders 2f out, ridden and kept on same pace inside final furlong, not pace to challenge, lost 3rd close home, 4th of 14, 2 3/4l behind Sands Of Mali at Ascot 6f Grp 1 (1) sft in Oct. **DREAMFIELD** 11-10fav Led centre group until ridden over 1f out, weakened final furlong, last of 7, 12l behind Limato at Newmarket 6f Listed stks (1) gf in Aug. **YAFTA** 6-1 Led early, tracked leader, driven over 2f out, soon one pace, ridden and lost place over 1f out, weakened inside final furlong, 7th of 8, 7l behind Sir Dancealot at Newbury 7f Grp 2 (1) gd in Aug. **EQUILATERAL** 11-4fav Held up, pulled hard, headway to chase leaders over 2f out, stayed on same pace final furlong, 3rd of 8, 2 3/4l behind Invincible Army at Doncaster 6f Listed stks (1) gd in Mar. **GIFTED MASTER** 12-1 6th of 11, 10l behind Blue Point at Meydan(UAE) 6f Grp 3 gd in Mar. **TIME'S ARROW** 7th of 11, 4 1/2l behind Tornibush at Longchamp(FR) 7f Grp 3 gs in Sep. **KEYSTROKE** 10-1 Raced wide keen in touch, ridden 2f out, weakened approaching final furlong, last of 8, 9l behind Above The Rest at Wolverhampton 7f Listed stks (1) in Mar. **SIR THOMAS GRESHAM** 3-1fav Led until 1f out, no extra final furlong, 5th of 9, 3l behind Merhoob at Wolverhampton 6f hcap (2) in Feb.

3.35 *BET365 CRAVEN STAKES (GROUP 3) (1) (3-Y-O) 1m Winner £34,026 (10 run) ITV4/RTV*

1 (7) 33- **CONFIDING** (228) M Meade 9-0 Rob Hornby 74
2 (6) 1-1 **GLOBAL SPECTRUM** (74) Miss G Kelleway 9-0 Gerald Mosse —
3 (3) 1-1 **JACKSTAR** (22) T Dascombe 9-0 (C) Richard Kingscote —
4 (5) 12- **MOMKIN** (236) R Charlton 9-0 (BF) M Guyon 70
5 (9) 35- **PRINCE EIJI** (175) R Varian 9-0 Andrea Atzeni 88
6 (4) 1-4 **ROYAL MARINE** (97) S bin Suroor 9-0 (BF, D) C Soumillon 99
7 (2) 1-1 **SET PIECE** (99) H Palmer 9-0 (D2) Frankie Dettori —
8 (1) 1- **SKARDU** (201) W Haggas 9-0 (C) James Doyle 75
9 (8) 51- **WATAN** (170) R Hannon 9-0 Ryan Moore 83
10 (10) 1- **ZAKOUSKI** (147) C Appleby 9-0 William Buick —

BETTING: 7-4 Zakouski, 3 Royal Marine, 7 Skardu, 8 Set Piece, 12 Prince Eiji, 14 Confiding, Watan, Global Spectrum, 25 Others.
2018: MASAR 9 0, W Buick 7-2 (C Appleby), drawn (3), 6 ran.

FORM GUIDE: ZAKOUSKI 5-2 Tracked leaders, ridden to lead final furlong, ran on strongly, eased towards finish, won at Kempton 7f 2yo nov stks (5) pol in Nov beating Headman by 2l, 13 ran. **ROYAL MARINE** 8-11fav 4th of 13, 16l behind Walking Thunder at Meydan(UAE) 1m 3yo stks in Jan. **SKARDU** 33-1 Held up towards rear, smooth headway over 2f out, switched right approaching final furlong, quickened to lead inside final furlong, ran on, won at Newmarket 7f 2yo mdn (4) gf in Sep beating Velorum by 2l, 14 ran. **SET PIECE** 1-1fav Slowly into stride, mid-division, closed 6f out, led over 2f out, soon headed, led again over 1f out, stayed on well inside final furlong, comfortably, won at Newcastle 1m Novice Stakes (3yo) (4) in Jan beating Sparkle In His Eye by 3l, 7 ran. **PRINCE EIJI** 5th of 7, 6l behind Duke Of Hazzard at Deauville(FR) 1m 2yo lst stk gs in Oct. **CONFIDING** 6-1 In touch, ridden 2f out, kept on to go a never dangerous 3rd towards finish, 3rd of 6, 8l behind Too Darn Hot at Sandown 7f 2yo Grp 3 (1) gd in Sep. **GLOBAL SPECTRUM** 4-6fav Made all, quickened over 1f out, stayed on, won at Kempton 7f nov stk (5) pol in Feb beating Derry Boy by 1 1/2l, 10 ran. **WATAN** 8-11fav Tracked leader, keen, every chance over 1f out, led inside final furlong, ran on well, won at Leicester 6f 2yo nov stk (4) gs in Oct beating Dazzling Dan by 3 1/2l, 7 ran. **JACKSTAR** 8-11fav Tracked leaders, not much room going well over 2f out, led well over 1f out, edged left and clear inside final furlong, easily, won at Wolverhampton 7f nov stk (5) in Mar beating Delta River by 2l, 12 ran. **MOMKIN** 1-7fav Raced keenly, tracked leading pair, 2nd going well over 2f out, ridden to challenge over 1f out, led narrowly final 110 yards, headed and no extra last strides, 2nd of 7, hd behind Palavecino at Ffos Las 7f 2yo nov stk (5) gs in Aug.

SARABAND		MAJOR BET
BREATH OF AIR	1.50	BREATH OF AIR
UAE JEWEL	2.25	AL HADEER
EQUILATERAL (NB)	3.00	BRANDO
ROYAL MARINE (NAP)	3.35	ROYAL MARINE
CLERISY	4.10	CLERISY
EL MISK	4.45	EL MISK
BRIAN EPSTEIN	5.20	GALLIC

4.10 *ROSSDALES MAIDEN FILLIES' STAKES (PLUS 10) (4) (3-Y-O) 7f Winner £6,469 (12 run) RTV*

1 (1) **ARISTOCRATIC LADY** S Crisford 9-0 Andrea Atzeni —
2 (3) **CALA D'OR** Samuel Farrell 9-0 Eoin Walsh —
3 (10) 3- **CLERISY** (128) Sir M Stoute 9-0 (BF) Ryan Moore —
4 (9) **GENTLEWOMAN** J Gosden 9-0 Robert Havlin —
5 (12) 23- **HANDMAIDEN** (176) J Gosden 9-0 Frankie Dettori 99
6 (6) **OJOOBA** Owen Burrows 9-0 Jim Crowley —
7 (8) 95- **PEMPIE** (147) A Balding 9-0 David Probert 70
8 (4) 68- **QUEEN OF BURGUNDY** (153) Mrs C Dunnett 9-0 Joey Haynes —
9 (5) **SEARCH FOR LIGHT** S bin Suroor 9-0 C Soumillon —
10 (2) 0- **SECRET TREATIES** (176) Mrs C Dunnett 9-0 Hayley Turner 86
11 (11) **STARLIGHT** M Bell 9-0 Jamie Spencer —
12 (7) 7- **THAKAA** (128) C Hills 9-0 Dane O'Neill —

BETTING: 9-4 Handmaiden, 11-4 Clerisy, 6 Search For Light, 7 Gentlewoman, 8 Ojooba, 12 Aristocratic Lady, 16 Thakaa, Starlight, 25 Others.
2018: SHEIKHA REIKA 9 0, A Atzeni 5-4 Fav (R Varian), drawn (13), 14 ran.

FORM GUIDE: HANDMAIDEN 13-8 Led, ridden over 1f out, headed inside final furlong, lost 2nd close home, 3rd of 13, 3/4l behind Nashirah at Yarmouth 6f 2yo fll nov stks (4) gf in Oct. **CLERISY** 11-10fav Close up, switched right and headway over 1f out, ridden and stayed on towards finish, 3rd of 11, 1 1/2l behind Engrossed at Wolverhampton 7f Fillies Novice Stakes (2yo) (5) in Dec. **SEARCH FOR LIGHT** New Approach filly out of Fire Blaze. **GENTLEWOMAN** Shamardal filly out of Satin Kiss. **OJOOBA** Dubawi filly out of Rumoush. **ARISTOCRATIC LADY** Invincible Spirit filly out of Dubai Queen. **STARLIGHT** Iffraaj filly out of Ighraa. **THAKAA** 11-1 Slowly away in rear, pushed along 2f out, never nearer, 7th of 11, 6l behind Engrossed at Wolverhampton 7f Fillies Novice Stakes (2yo) (5) in Dec. **PEMPIE** 14-1 Held up in touch, faded inside final furlong, 5th of 13, 13l behind Zakouski at Kempton 7f 2yo nov stks (5) pol in Nov. **QUEEN OF BURGUNDY** 9-2 Mid-division, ridden 2f out, weakened over 1f out, 8th of 11, 7l behind Spanish Aria at Chelmsford City 1m Fillies Novice Stakes (2yo) (3) pol in Nov. **CALA D'OR** Society Rock filly out of Cala. **SECRET TREATIES** 150-1 Towards rear, pushed along 2f out, never a factor, 10th of 13, 10l behind Nashirah at Yarmouth 6f 2yo fll nov stks (4) gf in Oct.

4.45 *'CONFINED' NOVICE STAKES (PLUS 10) (4) (3-Y-O) 1m 2f Winner £6,469 (9 run) RTV*

1 (5) 1- **EIGHTSOME REEL** (152) M Bell 9-9 Hayley Turner —
2 (8) 1 **EL MISK** (16) J Gosden 9-9 (D) Frankie Dettori —
3 (9) 1 **ONE VISION** (101) C Appleby 9-9 (D) James Doyle —
4 (6) **CAPE CAVALLI** S Crisford 9-2 Silvestre De Sousa —
5 (2) 6- **CATCH MY BREATH** (168) J Ryan 9-2 B Doyle 99
6 (3) 2 **DOUGHAN ALB** (15) R Hannon 9-2 Ryan Moore —
7 (7) 2- **JALMOUD** (146) C Appleby 9-2 (BF) William Buick —
8 (4) **MONS STAR** S bin Suroor 9-2 C Soumillon —
9 (1) 4- **VINDOLANDA** (137) C Hills 8-11 Jamie Spencer —

BETTING: 3 El Misk, 7-2 Jalmoud, 4 One Vision, 6 Doughan Alb, 7 Mons Star, 10 Eightsome Reel, 12 Vindolanda, 16 Cape Cavalli, 66 Catch My Breath.
2018: NORDIC LIGHTS 9 9, W Buick 5-2 (C Appleby), drawn (7), 8 ran.

FORM GUIDE: EL MISK 8-11fav Dwelt and ran green in rear, switched right over 3f out, headway 2f out, challenged over 1f out, led inside final furlong, stayed on well, won at Newcastle 1m 2f Novice Stakes (3yo) (4) beating Rochester House by 1l, 5 ran. **JALMOUD** 10-11fav Raced green in touch, pushed along over 2f out, headway to chase winner approaching final furlong, kept on, no threat to winner, 2nd of 7, 1 3/4l behind Moonlight Spirit at Newcastle 1m 2f 2yo mdn stks (4) in Nov. **ONE VISION** 9-4fav Held up, headway between horses over 1f out, pressed leader inside final furlong, led final strides, won at Newcastle 1m 2f Novice Stakes (3yo) (5) in Jan beating Top Power by hd, 9 ran. **DOUGHAN ALB** 16-1 Led, headed 5f out, tracked leaders, pushed along over 2f out, ridden to lead again inside final furlong, headed towards finish, 2nd of 8, nk behind Sash at Lingfield 1m Novice Stakes (3yo) (5) pol. **MONS STAR** Sea The Stars colt out of Something Mon. **EIGHTSOME REEL** 50-1 Slowly into stride and went right start, behind, headway and switched right over 1f out, stayed on strongly inside final furlong, went 2nd towards finish, led post, won at Wolverhampton 1m 1f 2yo nov stks (5) in Nov beating Gantier by ns, 8 ran. **VINDOLANDA** 4-1 Mid-division, headway over 2f out, chased leaders over 1f out, never a threat, 4th of 12, 5l behind The Night Watch at Wolverhampton 7f 2yo nov stks (4) in Dec. **CAPE CAVALLI** Cape Cross colt out of Matauri Pearl. **CATCH MY BREATH** 50-1 Started slowly, behind, some late minor headway, never on terms, 6th of 9, 16l behind Mubariz at Nottingham 1m 2yo mdn (4) gf in Oct.

5.20 *COATES & SEELY BLANC DE BLANCS HANDICAP (4) (3-Y-O) 1m Winner £7,763 (15 run) RTV*

1 (12) 058 **BURJ** (48) S bin Suroor 9-7 Adam Kirby 86
2 (15) 41- **BRIAN EPSTEIN** (198) R Hannon 9-7 (D) Tom Marquand 70
3 (7) 41- **GALLIC** (180) Ed Walker 9-6 (D) Gerald Mosse 86
4 (14) 41- **KARNAVAAL** (181) Sir M Stoute 9-5 Jim Crowley 86
5 (3) 21- **KAMIKAZE LORD** (212) J Noseda 9-5 Ryan Moore 87
6 (10) 5-4 **SELF ASSESSMENT** (22) K Burke 9-3 Clifford Lee 85
7 (9) 1-4 **HARBOUR SPIRIT** (21) R Hughes 9-3 Shane Kelly 82
8 (5) 37- **THE CORPORAL** (172) C Wall 9-1 George Wood 90
9 (4) 36- **AWEEDRAM** (161) A King 9-1 William Buick 86
10 (2) 19- **ARCHAEOLOGY** (178) J O'Keeffe 9-0 Jamie Spencer 99
11 (11) 43- **OVER THE GUNS** (197) K Burke 8-13 Silvestre De Sousa 77
12 (13) 44- **GOD HAS GIVEN** (191) I Williams 8-13 Richard Kingscote 82
13 (8) 21- **JEM SCUTTLE** (144) D Carroll 8-11 Tom Eaves 73
14 (1) -66 **GOLD AT MIDNIGHT** (14) W Stone 8-10 David Probert 78
15 (6) 40- **PURBECK HILLS** (126) R Hannon 8-7 Harry Bentley 87

BETTING: 7-2 Karnavaal, 11-2 Kamikaze Lord, 7 Gallic, 8 Brian Epstein, 10 Aweedram, Harbour Spirit, Burj, 12 Over The Guns, 16 Others.
2018: BREATH CAUGHT 9 6, R L Moore 3-1 Fav (R Beckett), drawn (3), 15 ran.

FORM GUIDE: KARNAVAAL 11-10fav Tracked leaders, led over 1f out, kept on well, won at Chelmsford City 7f 2yo nov stks (5) pol in Oct beating Awe by 1 3/4l, 9 ran. **KAMIKAZE LORD** 2-7fav Chased leader, pushed along over 2f out, ridden over 1f out, closed gradually under pressure to lead on line, won at Kempton 6f 2yo nov auc stks (5) pol in Sep beating Naughty Rascal by ns, 9 ran. **GALLIC** 7-2 Held up towards rear, headway over 2f out, soon chasing leaders, led inside final furlong, ran on well, won at Newcastle 1m 2yo hcp 0-85 (4) in Oct beating Dream Poet by 1 3/4l, 8 ran. **BRIAN EPSTEIN** 8-1 Tracked leader, led inside final 2f, stayed on well, won at Kempton 1m 2yo nov stks (4) pol in Oct beating Red October by 1 1/4l, 9 ran. **AWEEDRAM** 5-1 Keen early, chased leader every chance 2f out, hung left and weakened over 1f out, 6th of 16, 6l behind Surfman at Nottingham 1m 2yo mdn (5) gs in Nov. **BURJ** 20-1 8th of 13, 12l behind Sporting Chance at Meydan(UAE) 1m 3yo lst stk gd in Feb. **HARBOUR SPIRIT** 7-2 Chased leaders, every chance over 1f out, kept on same pace closing stages, 4th of 9, 3l behind Shanghai Grace at Lingfield 7f hcp 0-85 (4) pol in Mar. **OVER THE GUNS** 9-2 Slowly into stride, mid-division on inside, closed from over 4f out, went 3rd inside final furlong, stayed on, 3rd of 13, 2 1/2l behind Spencers Son at Kempton 7f 2yo nov auc stks (6) pol in Oct. **GOD HAS GIVEN** 16-1 Tracked leaders, driven over 2f out, stayed on same pace from over 1f out, 4th of 11, 9l behind Shoot For Gold at Windsor 1m 2yo nov stk (5) sft in Oct. **JEM SCUTTLE** 4-1 Mid-division on inside, headway chasing leaders 2f out, switched left and squeezed through over 1f out, ran on to lead towards finish, won at Wolverhampton 7f 2yo hcp 0-70 (5) in Nov beating Fume by nk, 10 ran. **THE CORPORAL** 6-1 Mid-division early before soon improving to chase leaders on outer, 3rd from halfway and pushed along in 2nd from 2f out, ridden in 3rd from 1f out, no extra and weakened inside final furlong, 7th of 15, 7l behind Manjeer at Leopardstown 7f mdn stks gd in Oct. **ARCHAEOLOGY** 13-2 Rear of mid-division on near side, pushed along and some headway after halfway, ridden and no extra 1 1/2f out, 9th of 14, 18l behind Chicago May at Naas 6f 2yo hcp in Oct. **PURBECK HILLS** 33-1 Chased leaders, under pressure over 3f out, weakened over 2f out, 12th of 14, 31l behind Khuzaam at Kempton 1m 2yo nov stks (5) pol in Dec. **GOLD AT MIDNIGHT** 40-1 Raced wide tracking leaders, pushed along on outside 2f out, ridden edged right and weakened well inside final furlong, 6th of 13, 5l behind Balata Bay at Kempton 7f 3yo hcp 0-75 (5) pol. **SELF ASSESSMENT** 10-1 Tracked leader, led 2f out, headed over 1f out, no extra final 100 yards, 4th of 6, 7l behind Prince Of Harts at Wolverhampton 1m 1f hcp 0-85 (4) in Mar.

BEVERLEY TODAY

Going: Good to firm-good in places
Draw: Low numbers have a slight advantage in races up to a mile.

2.15 *EBF NOVICE AUCTION STAKES (DIV 1) (5) (2-Y-O) 5f Winner £4,033 (11 run) RTV*

1 (11) **THE GINGER BULLET** R Fahey 9-5 Paul Hanagan —
2 (10) **COCK ROBIN** K Ryan 9-4 Kevin Stott —
3 (3) **BIRDIE BOWERS** M Dods 9-3 Paul Mulrennan —
4 (8) **CHOCOHOLIC** B Smart 9-3 Graham Lee —
5 (4) **TONQUIN VALLEY** B Ellison 9-3 K Schofield (7) —
6 (9) 0 **HELL OF A JOKER** (18) W G M Turner 9-2 R While (5) —
7 (2) 62 **BIRKENHEAD** (15) M Channon 9-1 (BF) Callum Shepherd 99
8 (7) **HOVINGHAM** N Tinkler 9-1 Rowan Scott (3) —
9 (6) 4 **LEAVE EM ALONE** (9) P Evans 8-11 J Fahy —
10 (5) **SASSY LASSY** David Loughnane 8-11 T Whelan —
11 (1) 2 **BETTYS HOPE** (14) B Millman 8-10 Joe Fanning —

BETTING: 2 Birkenhead, 7-2 Bettys Hope, 13-2 Leave Em Alone, 8 The Ginger Bullet, 10 Birdie Bowers, 12 Cock Robin, 14 Hell Of A Joker, 16 Chocoholic, Tonquin Valley, 20 Others.
2018: Race abandoned due to Waterlogged course.

2.50 *EBF NOVICE AUCTION STAKES (DIV 2) (5) (2-Y-O) 5f Winner £4,033 (10 run) RTV*

1 (2) 4 **GIN GEMBRE** (9) K Burke 9-5 Ben Curtis 99
2 (5) **TROUBADOR** M Dods 9-3 Paul Mulrennan —
3 (10) **COMEATCHOO** T Easterby 9-2 David Allan —
4 (4) **NODDY SHUFFLE** M W Easterby 9-2 Nathan Evans —
5 (1) **PUERTO SOL** B Ellison 9-2 Ben Robinson (3) —
6 (3) **RODNEE TEE** D O'Meara 9-2 C McGovern (3) —
7 (9) **JAKODOBRO** B Smart 9-1 Graham Lee —
8 (6) 6 **LILI WEN FACH** (9) P Evans 8-12 J Fahy —
9 (8) **NOSTALGIC AIR** Mrs R Carr 8-11 James Sullivan —
10 (7) **VODKA DAWN** Phillip Makin 8-11 Sam James —

BETTING: 9-4 Gin Gembre, 4 Lili Wen Fach, 11-2 Rodnee Tee, 6 Troubador, 8 Puerto Sol, 12 Comeatchoo, 16 Vodka Dawn, Jakodobro, 20 Others.
2018: No corresponding race.

FORM GUIDE: GIN GEMBRE 5-1 Quickly away, chased leaders on near side rail, shaken up over 1f out, weakened towards finish, 4th of 9, 4 1/2l behind Chasanda at Windsor 5f 2yo nov stk (5) gd. **LILI WEN FACH** 40-1 Outpaced, headway over 1f out, never on terms, 6th of 13, 7l behind Exclusively at Redcar 5f 2yo fll nov stks (5) gd. **RODNEE TEE** Roderic O'connor gelding out of Sugar Free. **TROUBADOR** Poet's Voice gelding out of Eastern Destiny. **PUERTO SOL** Camacho gelding out of Reina De Luz. **COMEATCHOO** Camacho gelding out of La Estatua. **JAKODOBRO** Fountain Of Youth colt out of Equinox. **VODKA DAWN** Gutaifan filly out of Bella Ophelia. **NODDY SHUFFLE** Heeraat gelding out of Sophie'jo. **NOSTALGIC AIR** Hot Streak filly out of Steal The Curtain.

3.25 *HANDICAP (4) (3-Y-O) 1m 2f Winner £5,419 (6 run) RTV*

1 (1) 31- **GABRIAL THE ONE** (177) R Fahey 9-7 Sean Davis (5) 99
2 (3) 53- **FRASER ISLAND** (146) M Johnston 9-5 Joe Fanning 89
3 (4) -31 **BOUTONNIERE** (35) A Balding 9-5 (D) Joshua Bryan (3) —
4 (6) 26- **WHISKEY AND WATER** (222) B Ellison 9-0 (BF) Ben Robinson (3) 70
5 (5) 44- **HOFFA** (194) M Dods 8-12 Paul Mulrennan 92
6 (2) 37- **SIMON'S SMILE** (145) K Burke 8-9 Ben Curtis —

BETTING: 9-4 Boutonniere, 5-2 Gabrial The One, 7-2 Whiskey And Water, 6 Fraser Island, 10 Hoffa, 12 Simon's Smile.
2018: Race abandoned due to Waterlogged course.

FORM GUIDE: BOUTONNIERE 3-1 Close up, headway to leader 4f out, ridden to lead inside final furlong, edged left inside final furlong, driven out, won at Lingfield 1m 2f mdn auc stks (6) pol in Mar beating Emirates Empire by hd, 8 ran. **GABRIAL THE ONE** 4-1fav In touch, ridden and headway over 1f out, led inside final furlong, ran on, won at Pontefract 1m 2yo hcp 0-75 (5) gs in Oct beating Camelot Rakti by 2 1/2l, 11 ran. **WHISKEY AND WATER** 7-2fav Gave problems loading, veered sharply left leaving stalls, behind and pushed along, some headway far side of group 2f out, never on terms, 6th of 9, 8l behind Massam at Newcastle 1m 2yo hcp (2) in Sep. **FRASER ISLAND** 40-1 Close up, ridden and headway to chase winner briefly over 1f out, kept on one pace, 3rd of 7, 5l behind Moonlight Spirit at Newcastle 1m 2f 2yo mdn stks (4) in Nov.

SARABAND		MAJOR BET
THE GINGER BULLET	2.15	BIRKENHEAD
GIN GEMBRE	2.50	GIN GEMBRE
BOUTONNIERE	3.25	GABRIAL THE ONE
CITY TOUR	4.00	ATTAINMENT
AIRSHOW	4.35	WENTWORTH FALLS
ARCHIVE	5.10	JUST WAIT
KINGDOM BRUNEL	5.40	MOUNT ARARAT
BUBBLY	6.10	GAINSAY

4.00 *HANDICAP (4) (3-Y-O) 7f Winner £5,419 (10 run) RTV*

1 (5) 1-2 **ATTAINMENT** (7) J Tate 9-7 (BF, D) David Allan 70
2 (8) 8-1 **OLOROSO** (25) A Balding 9-6 (D) Joshua Bryan (3) —
3 (2) 6-2 **PACINO** (21) R Fahey 9-5 Tony Hamilton 83
4 (7) 15- **AXE AXELROD** (217) M Dods 9-5 Paul Mulrennan 81
5 (3) 0-7 **AZOR AHAI** (21) M Channon 9-5 Callum Shepherd —
6 (4) 4-1 **CITY TOUR** (15) M Johnston 9-4 (D) Joe Fanning 97
7 (6) 3-2 **LIGHTNING ATTACK** (15) R Fahey 9-4 Paul Hanagan 99
8 (9) 47- **STRONSAY** (180) B Smart 9-2 (D) Graham Lee 99
9 (10) 1-6 **JACKAMUNDO** (15) D Carroll 9-0 (D) Kevin Stott 96
10 (1) 75- **PEARL OF QATAR** (208) B Ellison 8-10 (C) Ben Robinson (3) 71

BETTING: 7-2 Oloroso, 4 Attainment, 5 Lightning Attack, 6 Pacino, City Tour, 10 Axe Axelrod, 14 Azor Ahai, Jackamundo, 16 Others.
2018: Race abandoned due to Waterlogged course.

FORM GUIDE: OLOROSO 7-1 Keen held up well of the pace, headway entering final 2f, led approaching final furlong, ran on, won at Kempton 7f 3yo hcp 0-75 (5) pol in Mar beating Lethal Missile by 2 1/4l, 12 ran. **ATTAINMENT** 11-4fav Held up and behind, came wide straight, headway just over 1f out, pushed along and challenged inside final furlong, ran on, 2nd of 8, ns behind Magical Wish at Lingfield 7f hcp 0-85 (4) pol. **LIGHTNING ATTACK** 9-2 Held up off the pace in mid-division, headway on outside chasing leaders when not clear run and switched left 2f out, ridden and edged right over 1f out, kept on inside final furlong, went 2nd final strides, 2nd of 12, shd behind City Tour at Musselburgh 7f 3yo hcp 0-75 (5) gf. **CITY TOUR** 5-2fav Chased leaders on outside, went 2nd and hung right inside final furlong, ran on to lead towards finish, won at Musselburgh 7f 3yo hcp 0-75 (5) gf beating Lightning Attack by shd, 12 ran.

4.35 *HAPPY 70TH BIRTHDAY MY SPECIAL MUM KATHIE HANDICAP (3) 5f Winner £7,470 (8 run) RTV*

1 (2) 2-4 **SANDRA'S SECRET** (2) J L Eyre 6 9-10 (CD2) Cieren Fallon (7) 99
2 (5) 43- **WENTWORTH FALLS** (214) G Harker 7 9-7 (D) David Allan 80
3 (8) 30- **LINE OF REASON** (172) P Midgley 9 9-7 (CD) Joe Fanning 94
4 (4) -76 **TERUNTUM STAR** (89) K Ryan 7 9-6 (D) Kevin Stott 70
5 (6) 431 **WATCHABLE** (47) D O'Meara 9 9-4 (D) David Nolan 85
6 (3) 18- **BILLY DYLAN** (207) D O'Meara 4 9-1 (D4) C McGovern (3) 83
7 (7) 60- **RAPID APPLAUSE** (172) M W Easterby 7 9-1 (CD) Nathan Evans 83
8 (1) 72- **AIRSHOW** (205) M Appleby 4 8-10 Luke Morris 96

BETTING: 3 Watchable, 7-2 Airshow, Sandra's Secret, 4 Wentworth Falls, 12 Billy Dylan, Line Of Reason, 14 Teruntum Star, 20 Rapid Applause.
2018: Race abandoned due to Waterlogged course.

FORM GUIDE: WATCHABLE 5-1 Made all, drew 4 lengths clear 2f out, held on well, won at Lingfield 6f hcp 0-95 (3) pol in Mar beating Something Lucky by nk, 6 ran. **AIRSHOW** 12-1 Soon led, hung right from 2f out, clear over 1f out until well inside final furlong, headed post, 2nd of 9, shd behind Polybius at Kempton 6f hcp 0-95 (3) pol in Sep. **SANDRA'S SECRET** 10-1 Led, ridden and headed inside final furlong, no extra, 4th of 9, 2 3/4l behind Mokaatil at Pontefract 5f hcp 0-100 (2) gf. **WENTWORTH FALLS** 14-1 Behind, headway under pressure over 1f out, ridden and ran on well inside final furlong, nearest finish, 3rd of 21, 1 1/2l behind A Momentofmadness at Doncaster 6f hcp (2) gd in Sep. **BILLY DYLAN** 20-1 Led, ridden and headed over 1f out, weakened inside final furlong, 8th of 9, 5l behind Marnie James at Chelmsford City 5f hcp 0-105 (2) pol in Sep.

5.10 *WESTWOOD HANDICAP (5) 1m 4f Winner £4,285 (12 run) RTV*

1 (5) 2-4 **JUST WAIT** (14) M Johnston 4 9-7 (D) Joe Fanning 87
2 (3) 60- **ACCESSOR** (193) M Dods 4 9-5 Paul Mulrennan 99
3 (11) 4U- **SEARCHING** (231) Mrs K Tutty 7 9-2 (D) Doubtful 86
4 (9) 0-3 **BIT OF A QUIRKE** (8) M Walford 6 9-1 (C5) Andrew Mullen 88
5 (1) 641 **ARCHIVE** (8) B Ellison 9 9-1 (D) Ben Robinson (3) 92
6 (2) -07 **BE PERFECT** (15) Mrs R Carr 10 9-1 (CD) James Sullivan 70
7 (12) 14- **FLOWER POWER** (169) T Coyle 8 9-1 (CD) Dougie Costello 82
8 (4) 68- **ZIHAAM** (193) Roger Fell 5 8-13 (CD) B Sanderson (5) 94
9 (8) 527 **GENDARME** (25) A Dunn 4 8-12 Luke Morris 95
10 (6) 345 **ICONIC GIRL** (22) A Balding 4 8-12 Franny Norton —
11 (10) 04- **AIRPLANE** (168) T Easterby 4 8-11 (D2) Duran Fentiman 89
12 (7) 26- **SWANSWAY** (176) M W Easterby 6 8-10 (D) Nathan Evans 89

BETTING: 9-2 Archive, 5 Bit Of A Quirke, 11-2 Just Wait, 7 Airplane, 15-2 Iconic Girl, 8 Flower Power, 10 Swansway, Accessor, 12 Others.
2018: Race abandoned due to Waterlogged course.

FORM GUIDE: ARCHIVE 8-1 Held up towards rear, headway over 1f out, kept on to lead towards finish, won at Pontefract 1m 4f app hcp (5) gf beating Sempre Presto by nk, 9 ran. **BIT OF A QUIRKE** 14-1 In rear, headway over 4f out, kept on same pace, 3rd of 9, 2 3/4l behind Archive at Pontefract 1m 4f app hcp (5) gf. **JUST WAIT** 7-2 Slow into stride, close up in rear, ridden 3f out, not trouble leaders, 4th of 7, 13l behind Lovely Approach at Southwell 1m 3f hcp 0-75 (5) fbs. **AIRPLANE** 16-1 Led, ridden over 1f out, headed entering final furlong, lost 2nd inside final furlong, weakened towards finish, 4th of 10, 4 1/2l behind Lucky Deal at Nottingham 1m 6f hcp 0-85 (4) gd in Oct. **ICONIC GIRL** 5-1 Held up in touch in mid-division, effort under pressure over 1f out, stayed on same pace, 5th of 12, 6l behind Anif at Wolverhampton 1m 1f hcap 0-70 (5) in Mar. **FLOWER POWER** 15-2 Held up, pushed along and headway 2f out, kept on one pace, 4th of 13, 7l behind Richard Strauss at Catterick 2m hcp 0-70 (5) gs in Oct.

5.40 *RACING TV NOVICE STAKES (5) 1m 100yds Winner £4,140 (9 run) RTV*

1 (5) 23 **BLINDINGLY** (47) B Haslam 4 9-5 Andrew Mullen 98
2 (2) **HEAVENLY SECRET** T Coyle 4 9-5 Dougie Costello —
3 (7) 22- **KINGDOM BRUNEL** (175) D O'Meara 4 9-5 David Nolan 99
4 (4) -44 **MOUNT ARARAT** (63) K Burke 4 9-5 Ben Curtis 90
5 (6) 0-9 **PONTECARLO BOY** (6) R M Whitaker 5 9-5 Joe Fanning 70
6 (8) 37- **SPIORAD** (196) D O'Meara 4 9-5 S Gray —
7 (1) -70 **DUTCH MELODY** (8) Lucinda Egerton 5 9-0 Victor Santos (7) —
8 (3) **EMERALD FOX** R Brisland 4 9-0 Luke Morris —
9 (9) 20- **KATINKA** (212) Archie Watson 4 9-0 Hollie Doyle —

BETTING: 9-4 Mount Ararat, 5-2 Kingdom Brunel, 4 Spiorad, 11-2 Blindingly, 6 Katinka, 25 Emerald Fox, Heavenly Secret, 100 Dutch Melody, Pontecarlo Boy.
2018: Race abandoned due to Waterlogged course.

6.10 *RACING AGAIN NEXT THURSDAY FILLIES' HANDICAP (5) 1m 100yds Winner £4,285 (12 run) RTV*

1 (4) 37- **IDEAL CANDY** (205) Mrs K Tutty 4 9-9 (C, D) S Gray 97
2 (12) -13 **GAINSAY** (9) J Portman 4 9-7 (D) Nicola Currie 92
3 (2) 407 **ALEXANDRAKOLLONTAI** (19) A Whillans 9 9-7 (D4) Connor Murtagh (5) 99
4 (7) 122 **ELIXSOFT** (12) Roger Fell 4 9-6 (D) Ben Curtis 81
5 (10) -54 **BUBBLY** (95) M Loughnane 4 9-1 Luke Morris 70
6 (1) 03- **SHAZZAB** (191) R Fahey 4 9-0 (D) Paul Hanagan 73
7 (3) 66- **KYLIE RULES** (205) Mrs R Carr 4 8-12 James Sullivan 95
8 (9) 08- **MAKE ON MADAM** (205) J L Eyre 7 8-12 (CD) Joe Fanning 83
9 (8) 8-6 **ACADIAN ANGEL** (9) Steph Hollinshead 5 8-12 Royston Ffrench 88
10 (5) -80 **DREAM ON DREAMER** (16) Lucinda Egerton 5 8-2 Victor Santos (7) —
11 (11) 08- **ROUE DE CHARRETTE** (151) G Harker 4 8-2 Nathan Evans —
12 (6) 90- **DOMINANNIE** (165) R Barr 6 8-2 Andrew Mullen 87

BETTING: 11-4 Elixsoft, 4 Gainsay, Shazzab, 9-2 Bubbly, 8 Ideal Candy, 12 Acadian Angel, 16 Make On Madam, Kylie Rules, 25 Others.
2018: Race abandoned due to Waterlogged course.

CHELTENHAM TODAY

Going: Good
Jackpot meeting

2.05 *CITIPOST NOVICES' HURDLE (2) 2m 4f Winner £12,380 (8 run) RTV*

1 111 **DASHEL DRASHER** (26) J Scott 6 11-8 M Griffiths 91
2 120 **ASK DILLON** (35) F O'Brien 6 11-4 Paddy Brennan 97
3 181 **COTSWOLD WAY** (13) P Hobbs 6 11-4 (D2) R Johnson 99
4 411 **DR SANDERSON** (16) P Nicholls 5 11-4 (D) Harry Cobden 89
5 134 **MILL GREEN** (39) N Henderson 7 11-4 Nico De Boinville 94
6 220 **THISTLE DO NICELY** (33) J Snowden 5 11-4 Gavin Sheehan 92
7 1 **BUZZ DE TURCOING** (136) S Drinkwater 5 11-0 Sam Twiston-Davies —
8 692 **COTSWOLD PRINCE** (46) M Keighley 4 10-8 H Stock 70

BETTING: 11-4 Cotswold Way, 4 Dashel Drasher, 9-2 Dr Sanderson, 11-2 Ask Dillon, 6 Thistle Do Nicely, 13-2 Mill Green, 20 Cotswold Prince, 25 Buzz De Turcoing.
2018: DIESE DES BIEFFES 5 11 4, N Fehily 5-2 Fav (N Henderson), 14 ran.

FORM GUIDE: COTSWOLD WAY 5-1 Held up and behind, left in 4th and slightly hampered 4 out, 3rd travelling well after next, led approaching 2 out, soon clear, easily, won at Taunton 2m 3f hcp hdl 0-140 (3) gd beating Capitaine by 15l, 6 ran. **DASHEL DRASHER** 5-2fav Jumped well, made all, clear when untidy last, kept on gamely, unchallenged, won at Newbury 2m 4f nh nov hdl (3) gs in Mar beating Remastered by 4l, 10 ran. **DR SANDERSON** 9-4 Travelled well, tracked leaders, led 7th, soon headed, led again 4 out, pushed out flat, comfortably, won at Ludlow 2m 5f nh nov hdl (4) gd beating Rapper by 2l, 7 ran. **ASK DILLON** 50-1 In rear, outpaced 3 out, never involved, 10th of 16, 29l behind City Island at Cheltenham 2m 5f nov hdl Grade 1 (1) sft in Mar. **THISTLE DO NICELY** 28-1 Mid-division, ridden after 2 out, never going pace to get involved, 13th of 24, 13l behind Ch'tibello at Cheltenham 2m 1f hcp hdl G3 (1) gs in Mar. **MILL GREEN** 14-1 Chased leaders, mistake 2 out, plugged on run-in, 4th of 18, 4l behind Third Wind at Sandown 2m 4f (1) sft in Mar. **COTSWOLD PRINCE** 66-1 Keen, tracked leaders, led before 2 out, headed when hit last, rallied closing stages, 2nd of 5, 1 1/2l behind Manning Estate at Doncaster 2m 3f nh nov hdl (4) gd in Mar.

2.40 *SILVER TROPHY CHASE (GRADE 2 LIMITED HANDICAP) (1) 2m 5f Winner £33,762 (9 run) ITV4/RTV*

1 112 **IMPERIAL PRESENCE** (219) P Hobbs 8 11-10 (BF) R Johnson 70
2 44P **MISTER WHITAKER** (36) M Channon 7 11-9 (BF, CD) Jonathan Burke 82
3 117 **WENYERREADYFREDDIE** (109) N Henderson 8 11-8 (BF) Nico De Boinville 89
4 240 **TREE OF LIBERTY** (33) Kerry Lee 7 11-5 Richard Patrick (3) 99
5 320 **HIGHWAY ONE O ONE** (36) C Gordon 7 11-5 T Cannon 92
6 472 **RENE'S GIRL** (109) D Skelton 9 11-4 (D3) Harry Skelton 93
7 123 **GOT AWAY** (25) O Sherwood 6 10-11 Leighton Aspell 92
8 4-4 **TIQUER** (130) A Jones 11 10-4 Tom O'Brien 88
9 011 **KINGS MONARCH** (39) Kerry Lee 6 10-4 (D) Jamie Moore 86

BETTING: 4 Rene's Girl, 9-2 Mister Whitaker, 5 Kings Monarch, Wenyerreadyfreddie, 6 Highway One O One, 13-2 Imperial Presence, 12 Tree Of Liberty, 14 Tiquer, 16 Got Away.
2018: TRAFFIC FLUIDE 8 10 4, Joshua Moore 13-2 Fav (G L Moore), 16 ran.

FORM GUIDE: RENE'S GIRL 9-2 Led, ridden and headed 3 out, no impression on winner after, kept on, 2nd of 5, 4l behind Lady Buttons at Doncaster 2m 4f lstd mrs chs (1) gd in Dec. **MISTER WHITAKER** 8-1fav Held up, always towards rear, weakened 3 out, pulled up before next, in a race won by Beware The Bear at Cheltenham 3m 1f hcp chs G3 (1) sft in Mar, 24 ran. **KINGS MONARCH** 6-5fav Not fluent a few times, held up in rear, headway after 4 out, went 2nd after next, led last, stayed on well, won at Hereford 2m 5f nov hcp chs 0-120 (4) gs in Mar beating Saintemilion by 5l, 7 ran. **WENYERREADYFREDDIE** 15-8fav Led, pecked 7th (water), headed approaching 4 out, lost 2nd 2 out, (normal 3 out), weakened bypassing omitted 2 out, 7th of 9, 40l behind De Rasher Counter at Newbury 2m 6f nov hcp chs (3) gs in Dec. **HIGHWAY ONE O ONE** 14-1 Prominent, led 2nd, headed 3 out, weakening when mistake 2 out, 10th of 20, 43l behind A Plus Tard at Cheltenham 2m 4f Listed Novice Handicap Chase (0-145) (5yo+) (1) sft in Mar. **IMPERIAL PRESENCE** 9-4fav Led, clear 5th until 9th, headed 2 out, no impression on winner flat, 2nd of 7, 4l behind Hammersly Lake at Perth 2m 4f hcp chs (2) gd in Sep. **TREE OF LIBERTY** 33-1 Mid-division, ridden and weakening when mistake 2 out, 12th of 19, 22l behind Croco Bay at Cheltenham 2m hcp chs G3 (1) gs in Mar. **TIQUER** 40-1 Towards rear, pushed along 5th, blundered 4 out, stayed on from last, went 4th towards finish, 4th of 11, 9l behind Warriors Tale at Aintree 2m 5f hcp chs (2) sft in Dec. **GOT AWAY** 10-1 Tracked leaders, effort 3 out, ridden between last 2, one pace after last, no impression with front pair flat, 3rd of 5, 8l behind Gala Ball at Newbury 2m 4f hcp chs 0-150 (2) gs in Mar.

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RENE'S GIRL	2.40	MISTER WHITAKER
LE PATRIOTE	3.15	LE PATRIOTE
TANARPINO	3.50	MINELLA FOR ME
WHO'S MY JOCKEY	4.25	TOBEFAIR
ROCKY'S TREASURE	5.00	DINGO DOLLAR
STORM RISING	5.30	LAUGHING LUIS

3.15 *KINGSTON STUD HANDICAP HURDLE (2) 2m 4f Winner £15,475 (15 run) RTV*

1 214 **UNISON** (60) J Scott 9 11-12 M Griffiths 91
2 432 **JENKINS** (23) N Henderson 7 11-11 David Bass —
3 261 **I'M A GAME CHANGER** (109) P Hobbs 7 11-9 R Johnson 92
4 -81 **LE PATRIOTE** (165) Dr R Newland 7 11-8 Sam Twiston-Davies 83
5 100 **FIDUX** (57) A King 6 11-8 Wayne Hutchinson 83
6 B59 **RATHER BE** (53) N Henderson 8 11-6 (D2) Jeremiah McGrath —
7 1-3 **ESPOIR DE TEILLEE** (24) T R George 7 11-3 Jonathan Burke 91
8 009 **GOLDEN BIRTHDAY** (137) H Fry 8 11-0 Sean Bowen 70
9 -23 **GOWITHTHEFLOW** (85) B Pauling 6 10-12 Nico De Boinville —
10 2U9 **NO HASSLE HOFF** (74) D Skelton 7 10-12 Daryl Jacob —
11 111 **MAC TOTTIE** (194) P Bowen 6 10-12 (D) James Bowen 78
12 52U **HONEST VIC** (32) H Daly 6 10-6 Richard Patrick (3) 99
13 350 **LUNGARNO PALACE** (74) F O'Brien 8 10-6 Alain Cawley 91
14 130 **DUARIGLE** (32) P Henderson 7 10-5 (D) Paddy Brennan 91
15 314 **BACK ON THE LASH** (21) M Keighley 5 10-2 Aidan Coleman 92

BETTING: 11-2 Espoir De Teillee, 13-2 I'm A Game Changer, 7 No Hassle Hoff, 8 Honest Vic, 10 Rather Be, Gowiththeflow, Le Patriote, 12 Unison, Back On The Lash, Jenkins, 14 Others.
2018: CHAMPAGNE EXPRESS 8 10 2, J Bowen(3) 16-1 (N Henderson), 22 ran.

FORM GUIDE: ESPOIR DE TEILLEE 7-1 Tracked winner, challenged 3 out, led narrowly when not fluent next, headed between last 2, ridden and every chance flat, kept on, no extra towards finish, 3rd of 11, 1l behind Trans Express at Exeter 2m 2f hcp hdl 0-135 (3) gs in Mar. **I'M A GAME CHANGER** 13-2 Held up in last pair, closer 4 out, tracked leader travelling well 3 out, led approaching 2 out, clear before last, driven and idled run-in, just held on, all out, won at Newbury 2m 4f hcp hdl (2) gs in Dec beating Knight In Dubai by ns, 8 ran. **NO HASSLE HOFF** 12-1 Held up towards rear, behind when jumped slowly 4th, headway chasing leaders 18th, pushed along after next, weakened before 2 out, 9th of 16, 31l behind Classic Ben at Sandown 3m hcp chs (2) sft in Feb. **HONEST VIC** 11-2 Held up in last pair, headway on outside after 6th, tracked leaders next, driven to challenge and every chance when jinked left, ran out and unseated rider approaching 2 out, in a race won by Wicked Willy at Kempton 2m 5f hcp hdl (2) gs in Mar, 10 ran.

3.50 *CHASE (NOVICES' LIMITED HANDICAP) (3) 3m 1f Winner £10,832 (13 run) RTV*

1 441 **TANARPINO** (18) Jennie Candlish 8 11-8 Sean Quinlan 91
2 381 **BOB MAHLER** (26) W Greatrex 7 11-7 R Johnson 99
3 231 **LITTLE BRUCE** (45) P Kirby 7 11-7 Thomas Dowson (3) 91
4 004 **CLONDAW CIAN** (36) Mrs S Leech 9 11-5 (C) Connor Brace (7) 70
5 522 **LITHIC** (43) Jonjo O'Neill 8 11-5 Jonjo O'Neill Jr. (3) 93
6 22P **DARIUS DES BOIS** (61) N Henderson 6 11-3 (BF) Sean Bowen 93
7 716 **SOLSTICE STAR** (32) M Keighley 9 11-2 (C2, D) Sam Twiston-Davies 89
8 211 **MINELLA FOR ME** (32) T R George 9 11-2 Jonathan Burke 91
9 351 **THE DELLERCHECKOUT** (48) P Nicholls 6 11-0 Harry Cobden 89
10 15P **DUKE DEBARRY** (45) N Henderson 8 10-13 (D) Nico De Boinville 93
11 1F2 **LORD GETAWAY** (34) H Evans 7 10-8 (BF) Leighton Aspell 99
12 312 **TIKK TOCK BOOM** (7) I Williams 7 10-3 (BF) Tom O'Brien 73
13 141 **FIFTY SHADES** (7) Christian Williams 6 10-3 James Bowen 77

BETTING: 11-2 The Dellercheckout, 6 Minella For Me, 13-2 Bob Mahler, 8 Darius Des Bois, Tanarpino, Lithic, 10 Tikk Tock Boom, Lord Getaway, Little Bruce, 12 Others.
2018: WINTER LION 8 10 12, P Brennan 8-1 (F O'Brien), 11 ran.

4.25 *SAFRAN LANDING SYSTEMS HANDICAP HURDLE (2) 3m Winner £12,380 (16 run) RTV*

1 031 **WHO'S MY JOCKEY** (46) P Hobbs 6 11-12 (D) R Johnson 85
2 248 **THOMAS CAMPBELL** (54) N Henderson 7 11-12 (BF, CD) Connor Brace (7) 99
3 339 **FIRST ASSIGNMENT** (34) I Williams 6 11-10 (CD) Edward Austin (7) 89
4 P22 **TOBEFAIR** (34) Mrs D Hamer 9 11-10 (D4) Thomas Bellamy 87
5 110 **AARON LAD** (34) Dr R Newland 8 11-9 (CD) Charlie Hammond (3) 87
6 FU7 **CHAMERON** (106) P Nicholls 6 11-8 Harry Cobden 70
7 460 **ROCKPOINT** (33) C Tizzard 6 11-4 (CD) Tom Scudamore 89
8 -P2 **SIR IVAN** (24) H Fry 9 11-4 (D) Sean Bowen 91
9 331 **OCEAN COVE** (38) F O'Brien 7 11-1 (D) Paddy Brennan 89
10 423 **DANS LE VENT** (27) J Snowden 6 11-0 Gavin Sheehan 89
11 511 **THE WELSH PADDIES** (18) Kerry Lee 7 10-13 Richard Patrick (3) 89
12 683 **GOODBYE DANCER** (38) N Twiston-Davies 8 10-12 Sam Twiston-Davies 91
13 121 **COPPER GONE WEST** (25) T Vaughan 6 10-7 (D) Alan Johns 89
14 162 **SKIPTHESCALES** (29) P Kirby 7 10-5 (D3) Thomas Dowson (3) 89
15 821 **REVE** (54) M Keighley 5 10-5 Leighton Aspell 83
16 221 **BROUGHTONS ADMIRAL** A Ralph 5 10-2 Lee Edwards 93

BETTING: 7 Tobefair, 8 Who's My Jockey, First Assignment, 10 Sir Ivan, Copper Gone West, Ocean Cove, The Welsh Paddies, 12 Thomas Campbell, Broughtons Admiral, Aaron Lad, Reve, 14 Others.
2018: MONBEG THEATRE 9 10 4, Page Fuller(5) 20-1 (J Snowden), 23 ran.

5.00 *WEATHERITE HANDICAP CHASE (2) 3m 2f Winner £15,475 (9 run) RTV*

1 135 **ROCKY'S TREASURE** (46) K Bailey 8 11-12 (BF) David Bass 96
2 362 **DINGO DOLLAR** (46) A King 7 11-12 (D) Wayne Hutchinson 91
3 715 **COBRA DE MAI** (25) D Skelton 7 11-7 Harry Skelton 88
4 192 **ALLELU ALLELUIA** (27) Jonjo O'Neill 8 11-3 Jonjo O'Neill Jr. (3) 91
5 715 **DAWSON CITY** (32) P Gundry 10 11-3 (D) Thomas Bellamy 93
6 63P **PERFECT CANDIDATE** (34) F O'Brien 12 11-2 (CD2) Paddy Brennan 91
7 U20 **HENRYVILLE** (12) P Bowen 11 10-13 (C) Sean Bowen 99
8 2PF **SOMEWHERE TO BE** (110) M Keighley 7 10-9 Leighton Aspell 77
9 496 **MARQUIS OF CARABAS** (204) David Dennis 9 10-7 Sam Twiston-Davies 70

BETTING: 2 Dingo Dollar, 5 Rocky's Treasure, 6 Allelu Alleluia, 7 Somewhere To Be, 8 Dawson City, 10 Henryville, Cobra De Mai, 12 Perfect Candidate, 20 Marquis Of Carabas.
2018: ANOTHER HERO 9 10 7, B J Geraghty 8-1 (Jonjo O'Neill), 13 ran.

FORM GUIDE: DINGO DOLLAR 3-1 Led until approaching 3 out, soon rallied, no extra when left in 2nd last, 2nd of 7, 9l behind Chidswell at Doncaster 3m 2f hcp chs (2) gd in Mar. **ROCKY'S TREASURE** 2-1fav Prominent, slow 11th, hit 13th, under pressure next, weakened before 3 out, 5th of 7, 31l behind Chidswell at Doncaster 3m 2f hcp chs (2) gd in Mar. **ALLELU ALLELUIA** 16-1 Held up in rear, pushed along after 9th, headway 12th, 3rd 3 out, went 2nd last, no impression on winner towards finish, 2nd of 6, 2 1/4l behind Midnight Chill at Ludlow 2m 4f nov ltd hcp chs 0-135 (3) gs in Mar.

5.30 *HANDICAP HURDLE (CONDITIONALS AND AMATEURS) (3) 2m 1f Winner £9,285 (14 run) RTV*

1 600 **MISTER FIZZ** (12) Miss I Pickard 11 11-12 Lorcan Williams (5) 96
2 151 **INNOCENT TOUCH** (182) H Daly 8 11-10 (D) Miss A Stevens (7) 96
3 144 **BLACK KEY** (28) D McCain 7 11-6 Mr Theo Gillard (7) 91
4 -P1 **TURNING GOLD** (97) N Twiston-Davies 5 11-4 Jordan Nailor (7) 97
5 940 **STORM RISING** (33) Dr R Newland 6 11-4 (C, D) Charlie Hammond (3) 97
6 722 **MAGIC DANCER** (60) Kerry Lee 7 11-2 (CD) Richard Patrick (3) 98
7 80P **PYROMANIAC** (39) A Ralph 9 11-1 (D) Fergus Gregory (5) 70
8 209 **CAPITAL FORCE** (92) M Keighley 8 10-13 H Stock (5) 98
9 553 **CORNBOROUGH** (19) M Walford 8 10-11 (D) Miss Abbie McCain (5) 98
10 151 **LAUGHING LUIS** (46) N Henderson 5 10-9 Jonjo O'Neill Jr. (3) 97
11 241 **RED HOT CHILLY** (152) F O'Brien 6 10-8 (C) Connor Brace (7) 94
12 221 **LE LIGERIEN** (19) P Hobbs 6 10-7 Mr B R Jones (7) 97
13 748 **MINELLAFORLEISURE** (95) A Hales 11 10-3 (CD) Mr J Brace (7) 99
14 112 **UNO MAS** (44) Christian Williams 5 10-1 Mr Jack Tudor (7) 98

BETTING: 9-2 Magic Dancer, 5 Laughing Luis, 6 Turning Gold, 7 Le Ligerien, 10 Red Hot Chilly, Innocent Touch, Uno Mas, 12 Cornborough, Storm Rising, 14 Others.

SOUTHWELL TODAY

Going: Standard
Draw: 5f None, 6f Low best

6.00 *BETWAY LIVE CASINO HANDICAP (6) 1m 4f Winner £3,105 (14 run) SSR*

1 (8) 526 **MUNDERSFIELD** (46) D M Simcock 5 9-7......Dylan Hogan (5) 96
2 (5) 678 **RED TOUCH** (14) M Appleby 7 9-7 (C3)........Alistair Rawlinson 91
3 (10) 477 **PANATOS** (18) A Dunn 4 9-6................................ Rossa Ryan 90
4 (13) 49- **INTERMODAL** (126) Julia Brooke 5 9-5...... Harrison Shaw (5) 96
5 (4) 55- **MOTAHASSEN** (168) D Carroll 5 9-5..................... Jason Hart 81
6 (1) -80 **LET'S BE HAPPY** (36) Miss M Rowland 5 9-4 (D2).....W Cox (3) 93
7 (12) 9-9 **PLACE DES VOSGES** (17) D Menuisier 4 9-4...... P J McDonald 81
8 (11) -53 **QUILA SAEDA** (14) M Appleby 5 9-4......... Theodore Ladd (5) 92
9 (7) 236 **CONTINGENCY FEE** (7) P McEntee 4 9-2.....................Grace McEntee (7) 99
10 (14) 6-0 **FOUR MILE BEACH** M Chapman 6 9-2 ..... Rachel Richardson 70
11 (6) 614 **GOING NATIVE** (18) Olly Williams 4 9-1 (CD).....................Rhona Pindar (7) 96
12 (2) -68 **ZAHRAANI** (74) J R Jenkins 4 8-11.....................Kieran O'Neill 91
13 (9) 282 **SCHINDLERS ARK** (14) J Chapple-Hyam 5 8-9.....................Charlie Bennett 95
14 (3) -22 **THECORNISHBARRON** (14) B Ellison 7 8-9.........Cam Hardie 96

BETTING: 9-2 Thecornishbarron, 5 Contingency Fee, 6 Motahassen, 7 Mundersfield, Schindlers Ark, 10 Going Native, 12 Intermodal, Quila Saeda, Place Des Vosges, 14 Others.
2018: No corresponding meeting.

6.30 *SUNRACING.CO.UK HANDICAP (5) 1m Winner £3,752 (11 run) SSR*

1 (10) 8-1 **CASEMENT** (8) M Appleby 5 9-9 (D2).........Alistair Rawlinson —
2 (4) 7-4 **MUJASSAM** (13) D O'Meara 7 9-7 (C2, D) .... Daniel Tudhope 99
3 (7) 727 **MAMA AFRICA** (14) T D Barron 5 9-7 (CD) ....Jane Elliott (3) 76
4 (11) 642 **GLORY AWAITS** (16) D M Simcock 9 9-7 (D3) .Dylan Hogan (5) 70
5 (2) 244 **TAGUR** (21) K Ryan 5 9-4 (CD2)........................T Greatrex (5) 76
6 (3) 232 **MAJESTIC MOON** (14) Miss J Feilden 9 9-2 (CD).....................Shelley Birkett 70
7 (1) 672 **MR CARBONATOR** (8) P Kirby 4 8-12 (CD2).....................Jamie Gormley (3) 79
8 (8) 761 **MUQARRED** (14) Roger Fell 7 8-10 (CD4)............Graham Lee 70
9 (9) 447 **BOND ANGEL** (9) P Evans 4 8-10 (CD)........ Theodore Ladd (5) 76
10 (5) 404 **LAQAB** (7) D Shaw 6 8-10.............................Patrick Mathers 70
11 (6) 313 **THUNDER BUDDY** (18) K Burke 4 8-9 (BF, C2).....................Rhona Pindar (7) 70

BETTING: 11-4 Casement, 6 Muqarred, 7 Tagur, 8 Thunder Buddy, Mr Carbonator, Glory Awaits, 10 Mama Africa, 12 Majestic Moon, 14 Others.

FORM GUIDE: CASEMENT 10-1 Led, headed 6f out, led again over 1f out, quickened 4 lengths clear, idled inside final furlong, won at Pontefract 1m hcp 0-70 (5) gf beating Mr Carbonator by 1 3/4l, 12 ran. **MUQARRED** 12-1 Close up, headway over 1f out, led inside final furlong, ridden out, won at Southwell 1m hcp 0-75 (5) fbs beating Majestic Moon by 1 1/4l, 8 ran. **TAGUR** 12-1 Tracked leaders, ridden 2f out, one pace final furlong, 4th of 12, 3 1/2l behind Hammer Gun at Southwell 1m hcp 0-80 (4) fbs in Mar. **GLORY AWAITS** 8-1 Tracked leader, ridden and every chance over 1f out, rider dropped whip just inside final furlong, stayed on, 2nd of 8, 3/4l behind Simoon at Chelmsford City 1m hcp 0-75 (5) pol. **MR CARBONATOR** 11-2 Held up, ridden and headway on outer over 1f out, ran on, went 2nd towards finish, 2nd of 12, 1 3/4l behind Casement at Pontefract 1m hcp 0-70 (5) gf. **THUNDER BUDDY** 5-4fav Tracked leaders, outpaced over 3f out, ridden over 2f out, stayed on to dispute 2nd inside final furlong, no impression with winner, 3rd of 8, 3l behind Crosse Fire at Southwell 7f hcap 0-70 (5) fbs in Mar. **MAMA AFRICA** 9-2 Led, joined over 4f out, ridden and headed 3f out, weakened final furlong, 7th of 8, 10l behind Muqarred at Southwell 1m hcp 0-75 (5) fbs. **MAJESTIC MOON** 7-1 In touch, ridden and headway over 1f out, stayed on to go 2nd close home, 2nd of 8, 1 1/4l behind Muqarred at Southwell 1m hcp 0-75 (5) fbs. **LAQAB** 10-1 Dwelt, towards rear, ridden over 2f out, kept on under pressure inside final furlong, nearest finish, 4th of 12, 1 1/2l behind Takeonefortheteam at Kempton 1m hcp 0-65 (6) pol. **MUJASSAM** 8-1 Chased leaders, effort over 2f out, no impression, 4th of 5, 5l behind Crosse Fire at Southwell 6f hcp 0-85 (4) fbs. **BOND ANGEL** 9-1 Chased leaders, weakened over 2f out, 7th of 15, 9l behind First Quest at Windsor 1m 2f hcp 0-70 (5) gd.

7.00 *BETWAY HANDICAP (4) 5f Winner £5,531 (8 run) SSR*

1 (6) **MIDNIGHT MALIBU** (73) T Easterby 6 9-7 (CD3).....................Rachel Richardson 418 95
2 (4) 93- **JABBAROCKIE** (193) E Alston 6 9-0 (CD)............... Jason Hart 70
3 (1) 68- **ONLY SPOOFING** (146) J O'Keeffe 5 9-0 (D4).... Sean Davis (5) 83
4 (7) 122 **WARRIOR'S VALLEY** (13) D C Griffiths 4 8-12 (BF, CD3).....................Phil Dennis 99
5 (3) 598 **CLASSIC PURSUIT** (16) Stef Keniry 8 8-11 (CD).....................Liam Keniry 81
6 (2) 53- **SHOW PALACE** (161) Jennie Candlish 6 8-11 (D10).....................Connor Beasley —
7 (8) 631 **MININGGOLD** (13) M Dods 6 8-9 (CD3)............ Paula Muir (5) 95
8 (5) 424 **SAMOVAR** (34) S Dixon 4 8-7 (CD2) ....Kieran O'Neill 88

BETTING: 3 Mininggold, 4 Jabbarockie, 9-2 Warrior's Valley, 5 Show Palace, 7 Midnight Malibu, 8 Samovar, 10 Only Spoofing, 25 Classic Pursuit.

FORM GUIDE: MININGGOLD 5-1 With leader, led over 3f out, headed over 2f out, rallied to lead again inside final furlong, ran on well, won at Southwell 5f hcp 0-75 (5) fbs beating Warrior's Valley by 2 3/4l, 6 ran. **JABBAROCKIE** 7-2 Tracked winner, driven and effort over 1f out, soon ridden, kept on, no extra in 3rd towards finish, 3rd of 12, 1 1/2l behind Merry Banter at Redcar 5f hcp 0-85 (4) gd in Oct. **WARRIOR'S VALLEY** 6-4fav Prominent, led over 2f out, headed inside final furlong, kept on same pace, 2nd of 6, 2 3/4l behind Miningold at Southwell 5f hcp 0-75 (5) fbs. **SHOW PALACE** 11-2 Slowly into stride, held up towards rear, good headway between horses over 1f out, strong run inside final furlong, finished well, not quite get up, 3rd of 16, hd behind Wrenthorpe at Nottingham 5f hcp 0-80 (4) sft in Nov. **MIDNIGHT MALIBU** 10-1 Tried to anticipate start, missed break and always towards rear, 8th of 9, 13l behind Moonraker at Southwell 5f hcp (2) fbs in Feb. **SAMOVAR** 25-1 Chased leaders, every chance over 2f out, stayed on same pace final furlong, 4th of 13, 2l behind Warrior's Valley at Southwell 5f hcp 0-80 (4) fbs in Mar. **ONLY SPOOFING** 9-1 In touch far side, ridden and headway over 1f out, kept on same pace final furlong, 8th of 13, 3 1/2l behind Outrage at Newcastle 5f hcp 0-95 (3) in Nov. **CLASSIC PURSUIT** 100-1 Went right start, tracked leaders, ridden one pace over 1f out, no impression, 8th of 14, 6l behind Martineo at Newcastle 6f hcp 0-80 (4).

SARABAND		MAJOR BET
QUILA SAEDA	6.00	MUNDERSFIELD
CASEMENT	6.30	CASEMENT
MININGGOLD	7.00	JABBAROCKIE
RIPPLET	7.30	SEASEARCH
INSPIRED THOUGHT	8.00	ASTRO JAKK
DECONSO	8.30	DECONSO

7.30 *BETWAY CASINO HANDICAP (6) 1m 6f Winner £3,105 (14 run) SSR*

1 (2) 509 **LUV U WHATEVER** (8) Mrs M Fife 9 9-8 (C9) ...Harrison Shaw (5) 90
2 (11) 666 **HIGH COMMAND** (18) M Appleby 6 9-6 (CD) . Theodore Ladd (5) 94
3 (6) 104 **SEASEARCH** (49) A Balding 4 9-5 (CD) ....Joshua Bryan (3) 97
4 (3) 235 **HARBOUR QUAY** (25) R Brisland 5 9-5 ......Seamus Cronin (5) 95
5 (9) 456 **RIPPLET** (25) H Morrison 4 9-4 ....Charlie Bennett 99
6 (8) 779 **FERN OWL** (18) J Butler 7 9-4 (C2)......................Liam Keniry 96
7 (4) 236 **MAGIC SEA** (19) Mrs S Dawson (IRE) 4 9-0.....Dylan Hogan (5) 95
8 (1) 68- **DEW POND** T Easterby 7 8-13 (D2)............Rachel Richardson —
9 (5) 109 **SWEETEST SMILE** (21) E De Giles 4 8-5............Jane Elliott (3) 97
10 (12) 8-5 **BERTIE MOON** (104) A L Forbes 9 8-5 (C, D) Rhiain Ingram (5) 77
11 (14) -55 **GREENVIEW PARADISE** (21) J Scott 5 8-3 ....Kieran O'Neill 82
12 (7) 80- **MELANNA** (316) Mrs Stella Barclay 8 8-3 ....Cam Hardie —
13 (10) /0- **LOOSE CHIPPINGS** (242) I Furtado 5 8-3..Gabriele Malune (3) —
14 (13) 6-6 **UNONOTHINJONSNOW** (73) Frank Bishop 5 8-3.....................Faye McManoman (5) 70

BETTING: 4 Magic Sea, 5 Harbour Quay, 11-2 Seasearch, 7 Ripplet, 8 Fern Owl, High Command, 10 Greenview Paradise, 12 Luv U Whatever, Dew Pond, 16 Others.

FORM GUIDE: MAGIC SEA 3-1 Soon led, went clear after 4f, reduced advantage 7f out, pushed along and headed approaching straight, ridden and no impression in 4th under 2f out, no extra, 6th of 11, 11l behind Black Label at Dundalk 2m Handicap (4yo+) pol in Mar. **HARBOUR QUAY** 11-2 Tracked leader, ridden 2f out, short of room entering final furlong, no extra, 5th of 10, 4l behind Sotomayor at Lingfield 1m 4f hcap 0-70 (5) pol in Mar. **SEASEARCH** 9-2 Tracked leaders on inside, ridden and outpaced 4f out, kept on same pace final 2f, 4th of 6, 8l behind Purple Rock at Southwell 1m 4f hcp 0-75 (5) fbs in Feb. **RIPPLET** 25-1 Held up, ridden over 2f out, never involved, 6th of 8, 6l behind Star Of War at Kempton 1m Fillies Novice Stakes (3yo+) (5) pol in Mar. **FERN OWL** 7-2 In touch, ridden over 3f out, weakened 2f out, 9th of 12, 12l behind Tynecastle Park at Southwell 2m hcp 0-65 (6) fbs in Mar. **HIGH COMMAND** 12-1 Raced wide in touch, ridden 3f out, not pace to challenge, 6th of 12, 6l behind Tynecastle Park at Southwell 2m hcp 0-65 (6) fbs in Mar. **GREENVIEW PARADISE** 10-1 In touch, outpaced over 2f out, stayed on well final furlong, never on terms, 5th of 11, 8l behind Bird For Life at Lingfield 2m hcp (6) pol in Mar. **DEW POND** 20-1 Raced wide held up, headway over 3f out, ridden and weakened over 1f out, 8th of 13, 18l behind Richard Strauss at Catterick 2m hcp 0-70 (5) gs in Oct. **LUV U WHATEVER** 33-1 Led, ridden and headed over 1f out, soon weakened, last of 9, 20l behind Archive at Pontefract 1m 4f app hcp (5) gf. **SWEETEST SMILE** 5-1 Prominent, outpaced over 3f out, weakened over 1f out, 9th of 11, 15l behind Bird For Life at Lingfield 2m hcp (6) pol in Mar. **LOOSE CHIPPINGS** 33-1 Tracked leaders, 3rd halfway, pushed along and lost place 4f out, soon no extra, weakened, tailed off, 11th of 13, well behind Match My Fire at Tramore 1m 4f Handicap (3yo+) gd in Aug.

8.00 *BETWAY HEED YOUR HUNCH NOVICE STAKES (5) 6f Winner £3,752 (7 run) SSR*

1 (4) 5 **TOMMYCOLE** (26) Olly Williams 4 9-9 .... Theodore Ladd (5) 87
2 (7) 1 **ASTRO JAKK** (18) K Burke 3 9-5 (CD) .... P J McDonald 88
3 (1) 1 **INSPIRED THOUGHT** (14) Archie Watson 3 8-12 (CD).....................Daniel Tudhope 99
4 (3) 75- **SENSE OF BELONGING** (208) K Ryan 3 8-12.........Kevin Stott —
5 (6) 6 **LUNA PRINCESS** (8) M Appleby 3 8-7..............Jane Elliott (3) —
6 (2) 2- **PARION** (305) R Fahey 3 8-7 .... Sean Davis (5) —
7 (5) 0- **SAPPHIRE JUBILEE** (267) O Pears 3 8-7....Jamie Gormley (3) 70

BETTING: 5-4 Inspired Thought, 9-4 Astro Jakk, 9-2 Sense of Belonging, 5 Parion, 50 Luna Princess, 66 Tommycole, Sapphire Jubilee.

FORM GUIDE: INSPIRED THOUGHT 6-4 Dwelt bumped between horses first furlong, soon tracked leaders, led on bit over 1f out, pushed out, readily, won at Southwell 6f Novice Median Auction Stakes (3-4yo) (5) fbs beating Lofty by 1 1/4l, 7 ran. **ASTRO JAKK** 3-1 Close up, headway halfway, every chance from 2f out, led approaching final furlong, ran green and ridden out, won at Southwell 6f nov stk (5) fbs in Mar beating So Hi Speed by 1l, 6 ran. **SENSE OF BELONGING** 9-2 Led, ridden over 1f out, headed inside final furlong, soon weakened, 5th of 8, 4l behind Chapman Billy at Ayr 7f 2yo nov stk (4) hvy in Sep. **PARION** 6-1 Tracked leaders, effort to challenge 2f out, ridden and readily outpaced by winner inside final furlong, no chance after, 2nd of 6, 3 1/2l behind Chaleur at Leicester 6f 2yo fll nov stks (4) gf in Jun. **LUNA PRINCESS** 33-1 Towards rear, pushed along 3f out, never on terms, 6th of 9, 26l behind Rathbone at Pontefract 6f 3yo nov stk (5) gf. **SAPPHIRE JUBILEE** 100-1 Slowly into stride, always behind, 10th of 12, 16l behind Louis Treize at Newcastle 6f 2yo nov stks (5) in Jul. **TOMMYCOLE** 200-1 Dwelt in rear, pushed along over 2f out, never on terms, 5th of 9, 7l behind Alsvinder at Newcastle 6f clm stks 0-65 (6) in Mar.

8.30 *LADBROKES HANDICAP (6) (3-Y-O) 6f Winner £3,105 (12 run) SSR*

1 (5) 329 **MAISIE MOO** (25) S L Keightley 9-9 ....Tony Hamilton 94
2 (7) 30- **SCARLET SKIS** (222) Stef Keniry 9-7..................Liam Keniry 93
3 (12) 64- **SUPERSTITION** (252) Eve J-Houghton 9-6............G Dobie (7) —
4 (11) 569 **TERMONATOR** (23) G Tuer 9-5 ....Sam James 88
5 (8) 687 **SHARRABANG** (23) Mrs Stella Barclay 9-4...........Cam Hardie 90
6 (1) 883 **MISS ENIGMA** (14) R Hughes 9-3 ....Finley Marsh (3) 94
7 (4) 753 **DECONSO** (18) C Kellett 9-2 (D2) ....Hollie Doyle 96
8 (9) 6-8 **SLAINTE** (18) Mrs S Dawson (IRE) 9-1............Dylan Hogan (5) 70
9 (3) 591 **GUNNABEDUN** (13) I Jardine 9-1 (C).........Jamie Gormley (3) 93
10 (6) -97 **MILLDEAN PANTHER** (20) Suzi Best 9-0 .... P J McDonald 99
11 (10) 812 **CHAMPAGNE MONDAYS** (18) S Dixon 8-13 (CD).....................Nicola Currie 93
12 (2) -46 **ATWAAR** (55) C Smith 8-12..................Faye McManoman (5) 81

BETTING: 3 Gunnabedun, 11-2 Champagne Mondays, 6 Slainte, 7 Deconso, 8 Maisie Moo, 10 Miss Enigma, Superstition, 12 Termonator, 14 Others.

■ Royal Marine

Marine to win Craven battle

ROYAL MARINE can make a success of his retrieval mission in the bet365 Craven Stakes at Newmarket.

Saeed bin Suroor's colt was all the rage for his Dubai expedition in January when he tested the water after his Group One juvenile victory in the Prix Jean-Luc Lagardere at ParisLongchamp.

Something did not agree with him in the desert, though, because he trailed in a well-beaten fourth after being sent off an odds-on favourite.

Scroll on three months from that UAE Guineas Trial, and Royal Marine puts his credentials on the line this time for the first Classic of the domestic season.

He does so, inevitably, against a clutch of unexposed rivals whose unbeaten profiles are sure to be persuasive for many.

The instinct is so often to side with untapped potential at this time of year - while memories of Royal Marine's unequal struggle with the desert dirt will remain off-putting for some.

They ensure too that he will go off at tempting odds to beat likely favourite Zakouski, in the same ownership.

Any one of several others could turn out to be the real deal too, of course, but Royal Marine is the one with the Group-winning CV his opponents have yet to match.

Equilateral is another for whom recent disappointment - and one or two more historical too - is no recommendation in another Group Three contest on the card, the Connaught Access Flooring Abernant Stakes .

Always well-touted and yet to deliver with any consistency, Charlie Hills' four-year-old fell short again on his first run of the season at Doncaster.

Setting aside the lofty expectations which preceded his Listed return, however, Equilateral produced a perfectly plausible performance.

On official ratings, he has next to no chance off level weights here. But on the assumption well-versed connections are not terminally mistaken about his ability, he should prove up to this class at some point - and also has a fitness edge on the majority of the field.

RESULTS

NEWMARKET
Going: Good to Firm (Good in Places)

1.15 (1m, £10,000 added): **1 MAQSAD (FR)** (J Crowley) 6-4Fav; **2 TWIST 'N' SHAKE** 2-1; **3 ARTISTIC STREAK** 14-1. Also: 6-1 Inclyne 5th, 25-1 Specialise 6th, 33-1 Venusta (IRE) 4th. 10 ran. shd, 9l. (W J Haggas).
1.50 (6f, £25,000 added): **1 FLAVIUS TITUS** (A Atzeni) 8-1; **2 SUMMERGHAND (IRE)** 8-1; **3 GREEN POWER** 7-1Fav. Also: 10-1 Buridan (FR) 5th, 12-1 Blackheath 6th, 16-1 Ice Lord (IRE) 4th. 15 ran. nk, nk. (R Varian).
2.25 (7f, £50,000 added): **1 SHINE SO BRIGHT** (S De Sousa) 5-2; **2 SPACE TRAVELLER** 10-1; **3 AZANO** 2-1Fav. Also: 9-2 Arctic Sound 5th, 11-1 Dubai Dominion 6th, 14-1 Victory Command (IRE) 4th. 7 ran. 1¾l, 3½l. (A M Balding).
3.00 (1m 1f, £40,000 added): **1 KICK ON** (O Murphy) 2-1; **2 WALKINTHESAND (IRE)** 14-1; **3 BOERHAN** 13-2. Also: 6-4 Fav Western Australia (IRE) 5th, 7-1 Kadar (USA) 4th, 16-1 I'll Have Another (IRE) 6th. 6 ran. nk, 4½l. (J H M Gosden). NR: Spanish Mission.
3.35 (7f, £60,000 added): **1 QABALA (USA)** (D Egan) 10-3Fav; **2 MOT JUSTE (USA)** 7-1; **3 ANGEL'S HIDEAWAY (IRE)** 9-2. Also: 10-1 Nashirah 5th, 14-1 Orchid Star 6th, 16-1 Look Around 4th. 11 ran. 1¾l, ¾l. (R Varian).
4.10 (5f, £8,000 added): **1 CHASING DREAMS** (W Buick) 4-9Fav; **2 GOOD VIBES** 12-1; **3 KEMBLE (IRE)** 7-2. Also: 12-1 Bartat 4th, 25-1 Arasugar (IRE) 5th. 5 ran. 5l, 2¾l. (C Appleby). NR: Aroha.
4.45 (1m, £10,000 added): **1 LAVENDER'S BLUE (IRE)** (R Havlin) 3-1; **2 MAAMORA (IRE)** 2-1Fav; **3 ALANDALOS** 11-4. Also: 6-1 Tatweej 4th, 33-1 Dinah Washington (IRE) 6th, 66-1 Plissken 5th. 9 ran. 2½l, 4½l. (Mrs A J Perrett). NR: Fast Strike.
5.20 (1m 2f, £20,000 added): **1 SOLID STONE (IRE)** (R L Moore) 9-4Fav; **2 WAR TIGER (USA)** 3-1; **3 NEVER DO NOTHING (IRE)** 7-2. Also: 3-1 Marhaban (IRE) 4th, 11-1 Mordred (IRE) 5th. 5 ran. ½l, 2¾l. (Sir Michael Stoute).

EXETER
Going: Good to Soft (Good in Places)

2.05 (2m 5f 135yds, £6,500 added): **1 ASK DILLON (IRE)** (P J Brennan) 2-1JtFav; **2 BOLDMERE** 8-1; **3 BLACKJACK KENTUCKY (IRE)** 3-1. Also: 2-1 Jt Fav Dolphin Square (IRE) 4th, 9-1 Mr Pumblechook 6th, 200-1 Officernisi (IRE) pulled up, 250-1 Flowing Cadenza 5th, 250-1 Spanish Starling pulled up. 9 ran. 8l, 12l. (F O'Brien).
2.40 (2m 2f 111yds, £12,400 added): **1 HERE'S HERBIE** (J Best) 8-1; **2 NELSON'S TOUCH** 16-1; **3 HATTAAB** 2-1Fav. Also: 5-1 Bang On (IRE) 4th, 5-1 Renwick (IRE) 6th, 8-1 Master Work (FR) 5th. 8 ran. 6l, nk. (Mrs S Gardner).
3.15 (2m 175yds, £5,000 added): **1 MELEKHOV (IRE)** (R Johnson) 5-6Fav; **2 QUICK WAVE (FR)** 5-1; **3 ROCOCO RIVER** 7-2. Also: 10-1 Granitic (IRE) 4th, 33-1 First Destination 6th, 100-1 Raving Bonkers 5th, 250-1 Vinnie Rouge (IRE) pulled up. 13 ran. 1l, 14l. (P J Hobbs). NR: Corruption.
3.50 (3m 6f 153yds, £21,400 added): **1 ONE OF US** (S Twiston-Davies) 9-2; **2 SANDHURST LAD (IRE)** 7-1; **3 YOU SAY WHAT (IRE)** 4-1Fav. Also: 8-1 Kilcullen Flem (IRE) pulled up, 8-1 Steel Native (IRE) 5th, 17-2 The Happy Chappy (IRE) pulled up, 10-1 Dancing Shadow (IRE) 4th, 14-1 Plantagenet fell, 16-1 Snuff Box (IRE) 6th, 20-1 Bertie Boru (IRE) pulled up. 11 ran. 2l, ¾l. (Nick Williams).
4.25 (2m 3f 48yds, £7,939 added): **1 TUDORS TREASURE** (T J O'Brien) 11-4Fav; **2 KINGSTON MIMOSA** 8-1; **3 RULE THE OCEAN (IRE)** 11-2. Also: 4-1 All Kings (IRE) 5th, 11-2 Come On Charlie (FR) pulled up, 12-1 St Merryn (IRE) pulled up, 25-1 Gilly Grace 4th, 66-1 Eddies Pearl (IRE) 6th. 10 ran. 1l, 11l. (Robert Stephens).
5.00 (3m 54yds, £3,000 added): **1 THEATRE TERRITORY (IRE)** (M S Waley-Cohen) 1-4Fav; **2 DRUMLYNN (IRE)** 13-2; **3 KIT BARRY (IRE)** 20-1. Also: 8-1 Im All Set (IRE) 4th, 22-1 Master Sunrise (IRE) 6th, 50-1 Draft Pick (IRE) 5th. 6 ran. 3l, 15l. (W Greatrex).
5.35 (2m 175yds, £5,000 added): **1 MERCHANT HOUSE (IRE)** (M Millie Wonnacott) 20-1; **2 FULL OF ROQUE (FR)** 12-1; **3 GRUMPY CHARLEY** 10-3. Also: 5-1 Woodbrook Boy (IRE) 6th, 8-1 The Galloping Bear 5th, 10-1 Mount Nelly 4th. 11 ran. 3l, 3¾l. (L Jefford).

WOLVERHAMPTON
Going: Standard

5.45 (1m 142yds, £6,569 added): **1 AMOR FATI (IRE)** (N Currie) 11-4JtFav; **2 AQUA LIBRE** 15-2; **3 CAPTAIN MARMALADE (IRE)** 100-1. Also: 7-1 Lukoutoldmakezebak 4th, 10-1 Arrowzone 6th, 18-1 Highland Bobby 5th. 11 ran. nk, 1l. (P D Evans). NRs: Cape Agulhas, Ubla.
6.15 (7f 36yds, £6,569 added): **1 MAGICAL MOLLY JOE** (P J McDonald) 9-4Fav; **2 NARALSAIF (IRE)** 8-1; **3 CLEMENT (IRE)** 7-1. Also: 8-1 Mystical Moon (IRE) 5th, 10-1 Muraadef 4th, 25-1 Indian Affair 6th. 12 ran. nk, ½l. (T D Barron).
6.45 (7f 36yds, £5,800 added): **1 INVITATIONAL** (J Mitchell) 13-2; **2 ASTROLOGER** 40-1; **3 VIVIONN** 9-4. Also: Evens Fav Nooshin 4th, 14-1 Sonja Henie (IRE) 5th, 33-1 Di Matteo 6th. 11 ran. 2¾l, 1½l. (R Varian). NR: Lady Madison.
7.15 (5f 21yds, £11,500 added): **1 CORINTHIA KNIGHT (IRE)** (H Doyle) 9-2; **2 STORM OVER (IRE)** 14-1; **3 TROPICS (USA)** 8-1. Also: 6-5 Fav Kyllang Rock (IRE) 6th, 11-2 Reflektor (IRE) 4th, 16-1 Just That Lord 5th. 7 ran. 1¼l, shd. (Archie Watson).
7.45 (2m 120yds, £10,150 added): **1 SEINESATIONAL** (D Egan) 11-4; **2 KNIGHT COMMANDER** 8-1; **3 ALABASTER** 5-2Fav. Also: 4-1 Country'n'western (FR) 4th, 4-1 Lopes Dancer (IRE) 5th, 20-1 Uncle Bernie (IRE) 6th. 7 ran. nk, 2l. (W J Knight).
8.15 (1m 1f 104yds, £6,569 added): **1 THA'IR (IRE)** (D Brock) 8-1; **2 SPLASH OF VERVE (IRE)** 15-2; **3 FIRST CALL (FR)** 3-1Fav. Also: 15-2 Herm (IRE) 5th, 14-1 Allux Boy (IRE) 6th, 20-1 Born To Reason (IRE) 4th. 13 ran. 1¼l, nk. (P J McBride).

STATISTICS

Weight watcher
Horses which have dropped most from previous winning handicap marks in the last two years.
BEVERLEY: 4.35 **Line Of Reason** (won off 97 down 3lb to 94); **Teruntum Star** (5lb); 5.10 **Be Perfect** (15lb); 6.10 **Alexandrakollontai** (4lb); **Shazzab** (9lb); **Acadian Angel** (13lb).
CHELTENHAM: 4.25 **Thomas Campbell** (won off 148 down 4lb to 144); 5.00 **Henryville** (13lb); **Perfect Candidate** (15lb).
NEWMARKET: None.
SOUTHWELL: 6.00 **Let's Be Happy** AllWeather (won off 64 down 7lb to 57); **Red Touch** (10lb); 6.30 **Mujassam** (5lb); **Glory Awaits** (7lb); **Majestic Moon** (7lb); **Muqarred** (7lb); 7.00 **Midnight Malibu** (3lb); **Classic Pursuit** (4lb); 7.30 **Luv U Whatever** (8lb).

Downgraded
Horses dropped two grades or more from their previous race.
BEVERLEY: 2.15 **Hell Of A Joker** (down 2 grades), 3.25 **Whiskey And Water** (down 2), 4.00 **Axe Axelrod** (down 2).
NEWMARKET: 3.00 **Brando** (down 2).
SOUTHWELL: 6.00 **Mundersfield** (down 2), 7.00 **Midnight Malibu** (down 2).
CHELTENHAM: 2.05 **Ask Dillon** (down 4), 2.05 **Mill Green** (down 2), 2.05 **Thistle Do Nicely** (down 2), 3.15 **Unison** (down 3), 3.15 **Lungarno Palace** (down 2), 3.15 **Rather Be** (down 2), 3.50 **Clondaw Cian** (down 4), 4.25 **Rockpoint** (down 4), 4.25 **Aaron Lad** (down 2), 4.25 **First Assignment** (down 2), 4.25 **Tobefair** (down 2), 5.00 **Henryville** (down 2), 5.30 **Magic Dancer** (down 3), 5.30 **Mister Fizz** (down 3), 5.30 **Pyromaniac** (down 3), 5.30 **Storm Rising** (down 3).

Stable movers
Horses which are having their first run for a new trainer.
BEVERLEY: 3.25 **Hoffa** (R Fahey to M Dods), 4.00 **Axe Axelrod** (R Fahey to M Dods), 4.35 **Airshow** (B Millman to M Appleby), 5.10 **Accessor** (R Fahey to M Dods), 5.40 **Katinka** (C&Y Lerner to Archie Watson), 5.40 **Spiorad** (D K Weld to D O'Meara), 6.10 **Bubbly** (C Fellowes to M Loughnane), 6.10 **Kylie Rules** (Mrs A Duffield to Mrs R Carr), 6.10 **Roue De Charrette** (C Dwyer to G Harker).
NEWMARKET: 3.00 **Time's Arrow** (P Sogorb to D O'Meara), 4.10 **Queen Of Burgundy** (W Haggas to Mrs C Dunnett), 5.20 **Archaeology** (J P Murtagh to J O'Keeffe), 5.20 **God Has Given** (R Hannon to I Williams), 5.20 **Over The Guns** (P Cole to K Burke), 5.20 **The Corporal** (A P O'Brien to C Wall).
SOUTHWELL: 6.00 **Intermodal** (J Tuite to Julia Brooke), 7.30 **Loose Chippings** (Eugene M O'Sullivan to I Furtado), 8.00 **Tommycole** (S Corbett to Olly Williams), 8.30 **Scarlet Skis** (Kevin Prendergast to Stef Keniry), 8.30 **Superstition** (G L Moore to Eve J-Houghton).
CHELTENHAM: 2.05 **Buzz De Turcoing** (Donnchadh Doyle to S Drinkwater), 5.30 **Capital Force** (H De Bromhead to M Keighley).

Fit and ready
Horses which have won in the last 7 days.
Archive (5.10 Beverley) won at Pontefract (1m4f) hcp.
Casement (6.30 Southwell) won at Pontefract (1m) hcp.
Fifty Shades (3.50 Cheltenham) won at Warwick (3m5f) hcp.

RUNNERS' INDEX

BEVERLEY - BEV
CHELTENHAM - CHE
NEWMARKET - NMR
SOUTHWELL - STH

Aaron Lad	**CHE**	**4.25**
Acadian Angel	BEV	6.10
Accessor	BEV	5.10
Airplane	BEV	5.10
Airshow	BEV	4.35
Al Hadeer	NMR	2.25
Alexandrakollontai	BEV	6.10
Alfie Solomons	NMR	1.50
Allelu Alleluia	CHE	5.00
Archaeology	NMR	5.20
Archive	BEV	5.10
Aristocratic Lady	NMR	4.10
Ask Dillon	CHE	2.05
Astro Jakk	STH	8.00
Attainment	BEV	4.00
Atwaar	STH	8.30
Aweedram	NMR	5.20
Axe Axelrod	BEV	4.00
Azor Ahai	BEV	4.00
Back On The Lash	**CHE**	**3.15**
Be Perfect	BEV	5.10
Bertie Moon	STH	7.30
Bettys Hope	BEV	2.15
Billy Dylan	BEV	4.35
Birdie Bowers	BEV	2.15
Birkenhead	BEV	2.15
Bit Of A Quirke	BEV	5.10
Black Key	CHE	5.30
Blindingly	BEV	5.40
Bob Mahler	CHE	3.50
Bond Angel	STH	6.30
Boutonniere	BEV	3.25
Brando	NMR	3.00
Breath Of Air	NMR	1.50
Brian Epstein	NMR	5.20
Broughtons Admiral	CHE	4.25
Bubbly	BEV	6.10
Burj	NMR	5.20
Buzz De Turcoing	CHE	2.05
Caesonia	**NMR**	**2.25**
Cala D'or	NMR	4.10
Cape Cavalli	NMR	4.45
Capital Force	CHE	5.30
Casement	STH	6.30
Catch My Breath	NMR	4.45
Chameron	CHE	4.25
Champagne Mondays	STH	8.30
Chapelli	NMR	1.50
Chocoholic	BEV	2.15
City Tour	BEV	4.00
Classic Pursuit	STH	7.00
Clerisy	NMR	4.10
Clondaw Cian	CHE	3.50
Cobra De Mai	CHE	5.00
Cock Robin	BEV	2.15
Comeatchoo	BEV	2.50
Confiding	NMR	3.35
Contingency Fee	STH	6.00
Copper Gone West	CHE	4.25
Cornborough	CHE	5.30
Cotswold Prince	CHE	2.05
Cotswold Way	CHE	2.05
Damlaj	**NMR**	**2.25**
Dans Le Vent	CHE	4.25
Darius Des Bois	CHE	3.50
Dashel Drasher	CHE	2.05
Dawson City	CHE	5.00
Deconso	STH	8.30
Desert Icon	NMR	2.25
Dew Pond	STH	7.30
Dingo Dollar	CHE	5.00
Dominannie	BEV	6.10
Don Armado	NMR	1.50
Doughan Alb	NMR	4.45
Dr Sanderson	CHE	2.05
Dream On Dreamer	BEV	6.10
Dreamfield	NMR	3.00
Duarigle	CHE	3.15
Duke Debarry	CHE	3.50
Dutch Melody	BEV	5.40
Eightsome Reel	**NMR**	**4.45**
El Misk	NMR	4.45
Elixsoft	BEV	6.10
Emerald Fox	BEV	5.40
Equilateral	NMR	3.00
Espoir De Teillee	CHE	3.15
Fern Owl	**STH**	**7.30**
Fidux	CHE	3.15
Fifty Shades	CHE	3.50
First Assignment	CHE	4.25
Flower Power	BEV	5.10
Four Mile Beach	STH	6.00
Fraser Island	BEV	3.25
Gabrial The One	**BEV**	**3.25**
Gainsay	BEV	6.10
Gallic	NMR	5.20
Gendarme	BEV	5.10
Gentlewoman	NMR	4.10
Geomatrician	NMR	2.25
Gifted Master	NMR	3.00
Gin Gembre	BEV	2.50
Global Spectrum	NMR	3.35
Glory Awaits	STH	6.30
God Has Given	NMR	5.20
Going Native	STH	6.00
Gold At Midnight	NMR	5.20
Golden Birthday	CHE	3.15
Goodbye Dancer	CHE	4.25
Got Away	CHE	2.40
Gowiththeflow	CHE	3.15
Greenview Paradise	STH	7.30
Gunnabedun	STH	8.30
Handmaiden	**NMR**	**4.10**
Harbour Quay	STH	7.30
Harbour Spirit	NMR	5.20
Heavenly Secret	BEV	5.40
Hell Of A Joker	BEV	2.15
Henryville	CHE	5.00
High Command	STH	7.30
Highway One O One	CHE	2.40
Hoffa	BEV	3.25
Honest Vic	CHE	3.15
Hovingham	BEV	2.15
I'm A Game Changer	**CHE**	**3.15**
Iconic Girl	BEV	5.10
Ideal Candy	BEV	6.10
Imperial Presence	CHE	2.40
Innocent Touch	CHE	5.30
Inspirational	NMR	2.25
Inspired Thought	STH	8.00
Intermodal	STH	6.00
Jabbarockie	**STH**	**7.00**
Jack's Point	NMR	1.50
Jackamundo	BEV	4.00
Jackstar	NMR	3.35
Jakodobro	BEV	2.50
Jalmoud	NMR	4.45
Jem Scuttle	NMR	5.20
Jenkins	CHE	3.15
Junooh	NMR	2.25
Just Wait	BEV	5.10
Kamikaze Lord	**NMR**	**5.20**
Karnavaal	NMR	5.20
Katinka	BEV	5.40
Keystroke	NMR	3.00
Kingdom Brunel	BEV	5.40
Kings Monarch	CHE	2.40
Kung Fu	NMR	2.25
Kylie Rules	BEV	6.10
Laqab	**STH**	**6.30**
Laughing Luis	CHE	5.30
Le Ligerien	CHE	5.30
Le Patriote	CHE	3.15
Leave Em Alone	BEV	2.15
Let's Be Happy	STH	6.00
Lightning Attack	BEV	4.00
Lili Wen Fach	BEV	2.50
Line Of Reason	BEV	4.35
Lithic	CHE	3.50
Little Bruce	CHE	3.50
Loose Chippings	STH	7.30
Lord Getaway	CHE	3.50
Luna Princess	STH	8.00
Lungarno Palace	CHE	3.15
Luv U Whatever	STH	7.30
Mac Tottie	**CHE**	**3.15**
Magic Dancer	CHE	5.30
Magic Sea	STH	7.30
Maisie Moo	STH	8.30
Majestic Moon	STH	6.30
Make On Madam	BEV	6.10
Mama Africa	STH	6.30
Marquis Of Carabas	CHE	5.00
Melanna	STH	7.30
Midnight Malibu	STH	7.00
Mill Green	CHE	2.05
Milldean Panther	STH	8.30
Minella For Me	CHE	3.50
Minellaforleisure	CHE	5.30
Miningold	STH	7.00
Miss Enigma	STH	8.30
Mister Fizz	CHE	5.30
Mister Whitaker	CHE	2.40
Momkin	NMR	3.35
Mons Star	NMR	4.45
Motahassen	STH	6.00
Mount Ararat	BEV	5.40
Moyassar	NMR	1.50
Mr Carbonator	STH	6.30
Mujassam	STH	6.30
Mundersfield	STH	6.00
Muqarred	STH	6.30
Mutaraffa	NMR	2.25
Naughty Rascal	**NMR**	**1.50**
No Hassle Hoff	CHE	3.15
Noddy Shuffle	BEV	2.50
Nostalgic Air	BEV	2.50
Oberyn Martell	**NMR**	**1.50**
Ocean Cove	CHE	4.25
Ojooba	NMR	4.10
Oloroso	BEV	4.00
One Vision	NMR	4.45
Only Spoofing	STH	7.00
Over The Guns	NMR	5.20
Pacino	**BEV**	**4.00**
Panatos	STH	6.00
Parion	STH	8.00
Pearl Of Qatar	BEV	4.00
Pempie	NMR	4.10
Perfect Candidate	CHE	5.00
Place Des Vosges	STH	6.00
Pontecarlo Boy	BEV	5.40
Prince Eiji	NMR	3.35
Puerto Sol	BEV	2.50
Purbeck Hills	NMR	5.20
Pyromaniac	CHE	5.30
Queen Of Burgundy	**NMR**	**4.10**
Quila Saeda	STH	6.00
Rapid Applause	**BEV**	**4.35**
Rather Be	CHE	3.15
Red Hot Chilly	CHE	5.30
Red Touch	STH	6.00
Rene's Girl	CHE	2.40
Reve	CHE	4.25
Ripplet	STH	7.30
Rockpoint	CHE	4.25
Rocky's Treasure	CHE	5.00
Rodnee Tee	BEV	2.50
Roue De Charrette	BEV	6.10
Royal Marine	NMR	3.35
Samba Saravah	**NMR**	**2.25**
Samovar	STH	7.00
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Sapphire Jubilee	STH	8.00
Sassy Lassy	BEV	2.15
Scarlet Skis	STH	8.30
Schindlers Ark	STH	6.00
Search For Light	NMR	4.10
Searching	BEV	5.10
Seasearch	STH	7.30
Secret Treaties	NMR	4.10
Self Assessment	NMR	5.20
Sense of Belonging	STH	8.00
Set Piece	NMR	3.35
Sharrabang	STH	8.30
Shazzab	BEV	6.10
Sheila's Showcase	NMR	1.50
Show Palace	STH	7.00
Simon's Smile	BEV	3.25
Sir Ivan	CHE	4.25
Sir Thomas Gresham	NMR	3.00
Skardu	NMR	3.35
Skipthescales	CHE	4.25
Slainte	STH	8.30
Solstice Star	CHE	3.50
Somewhere To Be	CHE	5.00
Spiorad	BEV	5.40
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Storm Rising	CHE	5.30
Stronsay	BEV	4.00
Superstition	STH	8.30
Swansway	BEV	5.10
Sweetest Smile	STH	7.30
Tagur	**STH**	**6.30**
Tanarpino	CHE	3.50
Termonator	STH	8.30
Teruntum Star	BEV	4.35
Thakaa	NMR	4.10
The Corporal	NMR	5.20
The Dellercheckout	CHE	3.50
The Ginger Bullet	BEV	2.15
The Welsh Paddies	CHE	4.25
Thecornishbarron	STH	6.00
Thistle Do Nicely	CHE	2.05
Thomas Campbell	CHE	4.25
Thunder Buddy	STH	6.30
Tikk Tock Boom	CHE	3.50
Time's Arrow	NMR	3.00
Tiquer	CHE	2.40
Tobefair	CHE	4.25
Tommycole	STH	8.00
Tonquin Valley	BEV	2.15
Top Breeze	NMR	1.50
Tree Of Liberty	CHE	2.40
Troubador	BEV	2.50
Turning Gold	CHE	5.30
Uae Jewel	**NMR**	**2.25**
Unison	CHE	3.15
Uno Mas	CHE	5.30
Unonothinjonsnow	STH	7.30
Vindolanda	**NMR**	**4.45**
Vodka Dawn	BEV	2.50
Warrior's Valley	**STH**	**7.00**
Watan	NMR	3.35
Watchable	BEV	4.35
Wentworth Falls	BEV	4.35
Wenyerreadyfreddie	CHE	2.40
Whiskey And Water	BEV	3.25
Who's My Jockey	CHE	4.25
Wild Animal	NMR	2.25
Yafta	**NMR**	**3.00**
Yousini	NMR	1.50
Zahraani	**STH**	**6.00**
Zakouski	NMR	3.35
Zihaam	BEV	5.10

BASKETBALL

SPORT SHORTS

OLYMPICS

Athletics finals' morning move

NINE athletics finals will take place in morning sessions atnext year's Olympics, the IAAF has announced.

The marathon will also start at 6.00 on the final day of athletics competition at Tokyo 2020, with Sir Mo Farah possibly running.

The finals of the men's and women's long jump, 110m hurdles, 400m hurdles and shot put will also be in the morning.

The athletics starts on Friday, July 31 – a week after the opening of the Games – with the men's 20km race walk and ends on August 9 with the men's marathon.

IAAF competitions director Paul Hardy said: "Having finals in the morning, as requested by the International Olympic Committee, will enhance the visibility of athletics across all time zones."

SWIMMING

Peaty powers to 100m final

OLYMPIC champion Adam Peaty is through to the men's open 100m breaststroke final at the British Championships.

The 24-year-old coasted through his heat in the first session in a time of 58.50 seconds - some way short of his 57.10 world record.

Craig Benson followed Peaty home but was 1.5secs behind the Loughborough NC swimmer, who was only one of two athletes to record a time under the one-minute barrier along with Ross Murdoch's 59.33 seconds.

The championships, held at Tollcross ISC in Glasgow, run until April 21 nd serve as the qualification event for this summer's World Aquatics Championships in South Korea.

TENNIS

Brit's Monte Carlo success

CAMERON Norrie is through to the second round of the Monte-Carlo Masters after a straight sets victory against Adrian Mannarino.

The 23-year-old Briton was on court for one hour and 19 minutes as he prevailed 6-4 6-3 - sending down three aces in the match.

Norrie earned an early break against Mannarino and sealed the opening set before doing the same in the second set to clinch the win.

He will now take on Marton Fucsovics in the second round after the Hungarian surprised 12th seeded Nikoloz Basilashvili in three sets.

> Kyle Williams, Newcastle Eagles v Manchester Giants

SIMON RUSHWORTH

Rookie ready to step up as injuries take toll on squad

KYLE Williams is confident Newcastle's rising stars can carry the regular-season load as an injury crisis grips the play-off-bound Eagles.

The men in black will finish inside the BBL Championship's top three for the 15th successive season.

That monumental feat has taken its toll, however, with player-coach Fabulous Flournoy down to the bare bones three games out from the play-off quarter-finals.

"I'm ready to step up and that goes for the other fit guys too," said BBL rookie Williams ahead of Newcastle's Good Friday clash against basement club Surrey Scorchers.

"We're down a few bodies so when the call comes we have to be ready.

"We want to finish the regular season strongly – whoever's out there."

Williams was an enigma when he first arrived on Tyneside, with flashes of brilliance tempered by frustrating inconsistency.

Flournoy and his coaching team have learned how to bring the best out of the rapid-fire guard and use his infectious bursts of energy to Newcastle's advantage.

Williams was key to last Friday's astonishing final-quarter fightback against old foes Sheffield Sharks.

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Kyle Williams

He added: "I think I have become used to this league now and I've got into a rhythm. I'm more comfortable than I was.

"It's been very different coming over to a new country and trying to find my feet but I wanted a new experience. I've always been up for that and I've made it this far."

Newcastle were missing big men Victor Moses and Darius Defoe against Sheffield last week and neither look likely to be risked against Surrey.

Themba Yabantu also failed to dress against the Sharks and there are fresh injury concerns over Kai Williams and Jeremy Smith heading into the holiday weekend.

Flournoy assessed his full roster at the Eagles' Community Arena yesterday but several players were unable to practise.

The ECA will host play-off basketball for the first time next month and Williams can't wait to bring the post-season home.

He added: "I try not to look too far ahead but bringing play-off basketball to the ECA is a big deal.

"Our venue and our crowd can be a real advantage."

Newcastle will be hosting Surrey from 7.30 on Friday with match tickets available via www.newcastle-eagles.com

Formal warning for Vunipola over Instagram post

RUGBY

BILLY Vunipola has been issued with a formal warning by the Rugby Football Union for a homophobic comment made on his Instagram account last week.

Vunipola was summoned to talks by the RFU to discuss a post which read: "Man was made for woman to procreate, that was the goal no?"

England's number eight also liked a social media post by Australia fullback and fellow devout Christian Israel Folau, who stated "hell awaits" for "homosexuals."

An RFU statement read: "Following a meeting between the RFU and Billy Vunipola, the Saracens forward has been issued with a formal warning under RFU rule 5.12 for conduct prejudicial to the interests of the union or the game."

Vunipola has escaped a fine or ban from Twickenham, making him available for England's four warm-up Tests ahead of this autumn's World Cup.

The RFU statement continued: "The warning will be retained on his disciplinary record for a period of five years and may be taken into account in future disciplinary proceedings.

"During the meeting, the player expressed genuine regret at his public comments and understood he had caused hurt and offence as a result of his actions.

"He has been reminded of his responsibilities as an England player and as an ambassador for the game, which values inclusivity and respect."

Saracens conducted their own internal investigation and, following lengthy discussions with Vunipola, a formal warning was issued - but the club also opted against imposing a fine or suspension.

The English champions said he was guilty of a "serious error of judgement" and, by publicly sharing a view at odds with their values, had contravened his contract.

In his own statement, Vunipola insisted his "intention was never to cause suffering" but stopped short of offering an apology.

Despite clarifying his position, the offending post remains visible on his Instagram account.

On Saturday, the 26-year-old, whose mum is a methodist minister, was booed during his appearance against Bristol - who also played gay anthem "It's Raining Men" on their PA system.

Highwaymen hope to deliver more success

ROSE MCLEAN
Reporter
@RoseMc08

MORPETH Town's incredible resurrection has continued apace this season – and chairman Ken Beattie has ambitions for even more success.

From beating North Shields to lift the Northumberland Senior Cup at St James' Park, to winning the Evo-Stik East Division on home turf last Saturday, it's been a few weeks to remember for manager Nick Gray and his side.

Club chairman Beattie's passion for the club so readily transcends down on to the pitch – and Morpeth's rise looks set to continue.

With an eye towards the future, Beattie believes Morpeth can continue their momentum as they progress into the Premier Division, and he has his sights set on the Conference North where local rivals Blyth Spartans currently ply their trade.

"It will be tough, it's a much more challenging league," he said in the aftermath of his side's promotion and Senior Cup success.

"But I feel with the current crop of players, and with the addition of a few more, we can adapt again.

"There's no reason why we can't get into Conference North. The prospect of local derbies would be fantastic for the club and for the area as a whole."

However, it hasn't been all plain sailing.

Rewind to 2009/10, and the Highwaymen were in the depths of dismay having been ruefully relegated to Division Two of the Northern League.

Hardship continued the following season, as they finished bottom of the second tier with only 15 points from 38 games and an unsatisfactory goal difference of -98.

The club was in dire straits with on-pitch worries becoming literal as their terrain failed to meet Northern League standards – forcing Morpeth to ground share with rivals Bedlington Terriers.

But, just as they looked certain to fold, the arrival of Gray as manager at the end of 2011 sparked a revival.

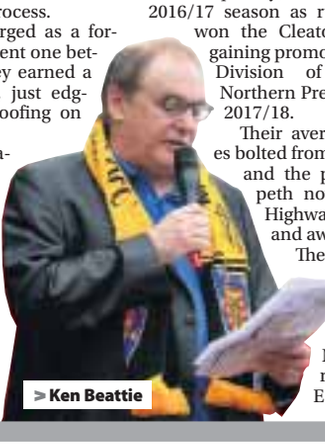
> Liam Henderson opens the scoring for Morpeth Town in the Northumberland Senior Cup against North Shields at St James' Park. Credit: Chris Chambers

Moving to Morpeth from Seaton Delaval with a whole host of new players, Gray guided the team to a fourth-place finish in his first season – winning a record 14 consecutive home games in the process.

Craik Park re-emerged as a fortress, and the team went one better in 2012/13 as they earned a dramatic promotion, just edging it over Jarrow Roofing on goal difference.

The subsequent seasons saw the Highwaymen consolidate their status as a Division One side, finishing eighth in 2014/15 and winning the FA Vase in 2015/16.

This momentous 4-1 victory over Hereford at Wembley Stadium, watched on by over 40,000 spectators, was arguably the turning point in Morpeth's history, as it gave the players, staff and fans alike a taste of what could be achieved.



> Ken Beattie

Subsequently, they ended the 2016/17 season as runners-up and won the Cleator Cup, before gaining promotion to the East Division of the EvoStik Northern Premier League in 2017/18.

Their average attendances bolted from 75 to over 500, and the people of Morpeth now roar on the Highwaymen home and away.

The 18/19 season so far has brought further success, as Morpeth have romped the East Division winning 25 of their 35 games and scoring an impressive 81 goals.

Gray's side also enjoyed another impressive run in the Northumberland Senior Cup – knocking out holders Newcastle U23's with a convincing 2-0 win back in March before a well-fought victory over North Shields to lift the trophy last week.

The final of the tournament was contested under the lights at St James' Park last Tuesday night, with Morpeth coming up against experienced outfit North Shields – who have won the cup 13 times previously.

But chairman Beattie hopes the club's 14th piece of silverware since they were formed in 1909 is not their last.

"It's just about progressing as far as we can," he added. "Ultimately, we want to involve our youngsters, involve the town and be a community club. We're on the up!"

Few would be against them achieving their goals.

Fans' roar will put Pep in my step – Guardiola

PEP Guardiola wants to hear a packed Etihad Stadium in full voice as Manchester City bid to turn around their Champions League quarter-final against Tottenham.

City trail 1-0 on aggregate heading into today's second leg at Eastlands after suffering defeat in London last week.

Guardiola would like fans to replicate the atmosphere from their raucous victory over Premier League title rivals Liverpool in January.

"The Liverpool game would be enough for me, a little bit better," said City boss Guardiola. "We need it.

"Do it for the guys – the last 20 months, they are so proud with what they have done but they are human beings. They will have bad moments in the games and at that moment we need our supporters.

"At this stage, without supporters, we cannot go through.

"I'm really curious to see how our fans are going to react tomorrow, really curious."

Guardiola alluded to his own perceived failings in the competition as he attempted to communicate directly to supporters at his pre-match press conference.

He twice guided Barcelona to Champions League glory but was unable to repeat that at Bayern Munich and is yet to reach the semi-finals with City.

He said: "Sorry guys, I'm a failure in this competition but many times I played in the semi-final and quarter-finals, and every time I played away the atmosphere was really incredible. They support their local teams.

"We need it. Really, we need it. I want to see that they want to get to the semi-finals. Not the players, the players no doubt after 20 months. I want to see my fans, our fans, that they really want the semi-finals. I want to see that tomorrow."

LAST NIGHT'S RESULTS

FOOTBALL

UEFA CHAMPIONS LEAGUE QUARTER-FINAL, SECOND LEG

Barcelona ..... L — **Man Utd** L
Messi 16, 20
Coutinho 61
Barcelona win 3 -0 on agg
HT 2-0

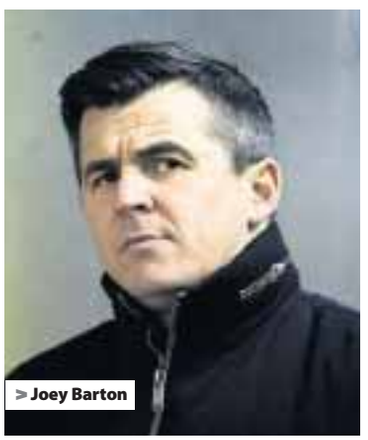
Juventus ..... L — **Ajax** L
Ronaldo 28
van de Beek 34
de Ligt 67
Agg 2 -2
HT 1-1

PREMIER LEAGUE

Brighton ..... 0 — **Cardiff** 2
Mendez-Laing 22
Morrison 50
HT 0-1; Att 30,226

LOCAL FOOTBALL
EVO-STIK NPL EAST DIVISION
Morpeth Town 4 Pickering Town 1
EBAC NORTHERN LEAGUE DIVISION TWO
Bedlington Terriers 4 Durham City 3
Tow Law Town 0 Birtley Town 2
TWR BI FOLDS WEARSIDE LEAGUE
Hebburn Town Reserves 2 Annfield Plain 2

Official complaint against Barton



> Joey Barton

BARNSLEY have made a formal complaint to the English Football League and Football Association after manager Daniel Stendel was allegedly assaulted by Fleetwood boss Joey Barton.

The former Newcastle player is said to have confronted Reds boss Stendel in the tunnel following Saturday's League One game, which ended in a 4-2 victory for the home side at Oakwell, and South Yorkshire Police are investigating.

"Barnsley Football Club can confirm that it has lodged a formal complaint to both the English Football League and the Football Association," said a club statement.

"This is following an alleged incident at the conclusion of the match on Saturday 13th April, between Joey Barton and Daniel Stendel.

"The club is also currently working with the police and assisting with all enquiries regarding the incident.

"No further comment will be issued while police investigations are ongoing."

Shortly after the match on Saturday, Barnsley striker Cauley Woodrow, who scored in his side's victory, tweeted that Barton had "physically assaulted" Stendel.

He wrote that his manager was left with "blood pouring from his face." The tweet was then deleted.

Later that evening, footage tweeted by Sky Sports News showed Barton leaving the ground, but the car he was travelling in was stopped by police in the stadium's car park.

The Fleetwood job is Barton's first managerial position.

The 36-year-old former midfielder took up the role at Highbury last summer.

Lascelles has the air of a top stopper, says survey

JAMAAL Lascelles has been named among the best defenders in the air in the whole of Europe, according to a study by the CIES Football Observatory.

Since its creation in 2005, the Observatory has become a reference point for statistical analyses of the game and has been regularly mandated by official organisations such as FIFA and UEFA.

The study, which compiled stats from the biggest leagues in Europe, revealed the players with the best rate of defensive air challenges - and Newcastle captain Lascelles has made the cut.

Lyon's Marcelo Guedes tops the list, having won the highest percentage of defensive air challenges in domestic Ligue One matches this season with 136 out of 159 (85.5%).

The Brazilian is closely followed by Leicester and England's Harry Maguire with an 85.3% win rate, who closely outranks Liverpool's Van Dijk in third with 84.1% and Brighton's Shane Duffy in fourth with 83.1%.

The top five is rounded off by another Ligue One player in Bordeaux's Pedro Nascimento, who has won 82.9% of his air challenges for the French side this season.

Lascelles comes up 37th with a win rate of 73.7%, winning 87 of his 118 defensive aerial duels, and is the only player from Newcastle to make the list.

Since joining United five years ago, the 25-year-old has grown into his role as club captain and has become an influential figure both on and off the pitch.

Despite revealing this has been his toughest season at the club, Lascelles has been vital to Newcastle's defence and has helped the Magpies keep an impressive 10 clean sheets with only 43 goals conceded so far - four less than last season.

THE AGENDA: How a friendly face's father could

Putting Matas into

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LOSING hurts – you don't have to be a professional footballer to know that. A defeat lingers in players' minds long after the final whistle has blown but, occasionally, a friendly face takes their mind off it. Even just for a few minutes.

That was the case outside the home dressing room at St James' Park in January. Newcastle had just suffered a 2-0 loss to Manchester United but Salomon Rondon's mood picked up when he saw Juan Mata and Ander Herrera waiting for him. "?Hermanos como estan?"

Mata and Rondon have never played together but the pair share one thing in common - they are both represented by Mata's father Juan Manuel Mata Rodriguez, who will be taking a lot of calls this summer.

Rondon wants to stay at Newcastle – he has already made that clear – but it's hard to envisage him returning to West Brom and playing in the Championship next season if the Magpies decide against making his loan move permanent. The striker is not short of suitors, after all.

The Venezuelan's age – he is 30 in September – continues to be an issue for Newcastle's hierarchy, who are monitoring younger alternatives on the continent.

Rafa Benitez, though, will bang the drum – just as he did when attempting to push through a loan move last summer - and he has a strong case.

Despite not being fully fit when he arrived, Rondon has been directly involved in 14 goals in black and white and has already proved a big hit with his team-mates and supporters.

Hard-working off the ball, too, there are no alternatives in the Premier League who suit Benitez's system and are available at a cheaper price.

Indeed, Rondon and Benitez's futures feel inextricably linked.

Both are nearing the end of their contracts at St James' Park but neither is really any closer to knowing where he will be next season.

Newcastle do have a lot in their favour if they stump up the cash – not least the relationship Benitez enjoys with Rondon's co-representative Mata Senior.

Juan Mata's father has been working as an agent since 1990 and works alongside Pablo Martinez, his partner in Latin America, as Rondon's representative.

It was Martinez who handled the final negotiations with Newcastle on the day Rondon signed last summer but Mata Sr was recognised as the intermediary for the transaction, itself, by the FA.

Benitez has had to adapt to an era where the agent's fee for a free transfer is the equivalent of a transfer fee so he tends to surround himself with a tight-knit group of trusted contacts like Mata Sr.

Longtime acquaintance Margarita Pilar, for example, represents both Javier Manquillo and Mikel Merino – two players Benitez signed for Newcastle.

A longstanding relationship with Mata Sr also helped with the Rondon deal and while they have dozens of footballers on their books the 29-year-old remains one of Mata and Martinez's blue-chip players. And one of many Venezuelans.

"Juan thinks the Venezuelan players are of great quality and they adapt and compete very well in the big leagues," Mata Sr's colleague, Anselm Cortado, told The Journal.

"He has collaborators in Venezuela who do a great job in recruiting talented players.

"It is a country in which Juan has put a lot of interest.

"He cares about all his players and Salomon is no different since he is a player highly-valued at all levels by Juan.

> Newcastle United player Salomon Rondon in his West Brom days with agents Juan Mata Senior, left, and Pablo Martinez, right

Cottagers keen to do Dwight thing

NEWCASTLE United striker Dwight Gayle is a potential summer target for Championship-bound Fulham.

Gayle will be a wanted man again in the summer but is unlikely to have a future at Newcastle if Rafa Benitez commits to the club.

Benitez wanted to move the player on in 2018 and the club even negotiated new terms on his contract to persuade him to swap clubs with Salomon Rondon – a move which has actually proved a success for both parties. Gayle indicated he would be open to moving to West Brom permanently but that may depend on whether they are promoted or not, Albion keen not to overspend in the battle to return to the top flight.

Newcastle will not be short on suitors for a player who is proven to score goals in the second tier.

Even though Gayle wants to play Premier League football, the most important thing will be to play.

Fulham remain keen on Newcastle's former number nine.

Ex-Newcastle striker Aleksandar Mitrovic will leave Craven Cottage in the summer – with Fulham turning around a quick profit on the Serbia striker, who has hit double figures this season despite relegation – and the Cottagers will be looking for a replacement who has a track record of scoring in the second tier.

It's not widely known but Gayle was actually their first choice before Mitrovic when they signed the latter in January transfer window of 2018.

Newcastle wouldn't sell back then, so Mitrovic moved instead.

Fulham have big decisions to make on their star assets. United were keen on Tom Cairney after they won promotion to the Premier League and Benitez remains an admirer of the 28-year-old.

Whether they could use that as leverage remains to be seen.

help decide Salomon Rondon's future

the right hands

"It is normal for Rafa Benitez to appreciate Juan – he is a very good person."

Unlike some agents, Mata Sr was a professional footballer, too, and played for a host of teams in the Spanish second and third divisions.

That has given the 54-year-old an edge in the field when it comes to talks.

"When the team had a problem with the president with their bonuses, Juan was the man who negotiated for the whole dressing room," a source close to Mata Sr said.

"He started to negotiate and learnt a lot in preparation for his career as an agent. He would say, 'Mister, if we win I think we deserve a bonus' and so on and so on. He was a leader in the locker room so these years were really, really helpful for him – like an academy for him as an agent.

"That's where he learnt a lot about the mentalities of players, coaches and presidents."

All these years later, Rondon has not felt the need to change agents and word has spread. Six of his international team-mates – Roberto Rosales, Seijas, Juanpi, Sergio Cordova, Fernando Aristeguieta and Jhonder Cadiz – have also trusted Mata Sr and Martinez to handle their affairs.

The special quality that Juan has is his honesty and the ease in which he takes care of his players

Huesca midfielder Juanpi has been represented by Mata Sr for a decade and is well placed to give an insight into Rondon's relationship with their agent.

"Salomon, like me, has a relationship with Juan going back many years and they are very close," the 25-year-old said.

"The special quality Juan has is his honesty and the ease in which he takes care of his players. He is a close, friendly agent and that makes the relationship totally healthy.

"As far as work is concerned, he is very serious about everything he does and is dedicated to his players but he can also be a joker. Above all else, it's his sincerity which sets him apart."

> Juan Mata and Rondon share an agent – Mata's father

Youngsters paid 'harshest price' for performance mistakes against Red Devils

BEN Dawson says his players learned a "harsh lesson" at St James' Park after being hammered by Manchester United, ***writes LEE RYDER.***

In a one-sided game, Newcastle blew their chance of winning the title in spectacular style as the Red Devils ran out 5-0 winners.

It means United's best chance of promotion will now be the play-offs in Premier League Two.

Looking back on the game, Dawson said: "We created a great opportunity in the first minute when Rosaire Longelo went clean through but Paul Woolston came racing off the line and made a good save.

"After that it was one-way traffic and the harshest of lessons against the best team we've played this season.

"I think gave the lads an insight into what it's all about in terms of quality and pace all over the pitch.

"I didn't think we worked well as a team to solve those problems.

"As a consequence we got there a second too late or a yard too short and it made it a difficult night for us.

"We only had one chance in the full 90 minutes. I'd like to think they will use this experience to try to improve themselves."

United do still have a chance of winning silverware in the Premier League Cup and have a semi-final away to Leeds coming up in due course.

Dawson said: "If you wanted it to happen any time it's now (ahead of a cup semi-final vs Leeds).

"We are hoping it is just a blip in the system.

"The lads have a couple of days to get their heads right and recover.

"Then we will be back in on Thursday to put some of those things right."

United could also do with a win in their final Premier League 2 game against Middlesbrough on April 28 to secure a home draw in the play-offs.

Dawson said: "You are going out to win every game

"A home draw in the play-offs would be nice.

"However, we have to forget about the play-offs and concentrate on performances.

"It's the only thing you can control.

"We didn't do that and paid the harshest price."

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PSG offer help for Notre Dame

PARIS St Germain have offered to provide "long-term support" to assist with the reconstruction of Notre Dame cathedral after it was hit by fire on Monday.

Just under 400 firefighters tackled the blaze through the night, battling to stop it completely destroying the 850-year-old Gothic building after flames torched the roof - sending its spire crashing to the ground.

A PSG statement read: "The club has already started to bring together all its key stakeholders, main partners and huge community of fans, both in Paris and abroad, aiming to start or participate in a series of initiatives such as fundraising events. The club will also provide support to the firefighters."

LIVERPOOL

Ban threat over flare incident

LIVERPOOL have pledged to ban any fans found to have thrown aflare into the away end during Sunday's match against Chelsea.

The club have also condemned an "offensive" chant by their fans about the Stamford Bridge side.

Merseyside Police are investigating the flare incident, which resulted in a nine-year-old boy receiving medical treatment.

A club spokesman said: "A smoke device was thrown into the away section during the second half and we are actively working with Merseyside Police to investigate. Any person found to have committed this offence will be banned. The club is also concerned about a chant from some of our fans, specifically referencing Chelsea, as inappropriate and offensive."

LA LIGA

Coutinho going nowhere – Barca

BARCELONA president Josep Maria Bartomeu is adamant Philippe Coutinho will not be leaving the Nou Camp this summer despite rumoured interest from Manchester United and Chelsea.

Coutinho joined Barca from Liverpool for £142m in January last year but the 26-year-old has not had the same kind of impact as he had during his time with the Reds.

Bartomeu, however, has made it clear Coutinho is part of manager Ernesto Valverde's plans – unless a club triggers the midfielder's release clause, rumoured to be a staggering £355m. Bartomeu has also rejected suggestions his club will move to bring Neymar back to the Nou Camp.

THE AGENDA: How will Jack Ross shake up his

Formation change options as the boss looks to shuffle pack

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CHANGES are needed on Friday.

Sunderland's 5-4 defeat at home to Coventry City was a warning which cannot be ignored. The Sky Blues' speedy attackers played well and deserved their victory but the home side's lack of pressure on the ball and sloppiness in possession and defence made their task easier.

Manager Jack Ross has the best part of a week to stew on what went wrong and assess the fitness of those who could come into the side.

He will also have time to reflect on what went right – his team did score four goals, after all.

It may be he decides, as he did at half-time on Saturday, what needs to change is just attitude and discipline, not personnel - but it would be a surprise.

April was always going to be a month for much shuffling of the pack to negotiate eight crucial matches and a few changes might help focus minds which looked tired at the weekend.

Plus, in Aiden McGeady and Lee Cattermole, he may have players available again who are part of Sunderland's best 11 and who have the character to deal with the pressure the side will be under. Chris Maguire could be involved too after a broken leg, but more likely from the bench.

So does the way Sunderland set up need to alter too?

It feels like all season long there has been a debate about whether they should play 4-4-2. Some games, most recently Accrington Stanley away, have been great adverts for it. Others, not least Coventry, not so.

Now some are advocating three at the back.

There is probably no formation which suits this Sunderland squad in all matches against all opposition, so what are the pluses and minuses of each approach for Friday's televised game against Doncaster Rovers?

STANDARD 4-4-2

The best argument for 4-4-2 of late is it has brought the best out of Charlie Wyke and Will Grigg.

Grigg looks better with teammates close by – be they centre-forwards or not – and Wyke's flick-ons need people to run on to them.

Neither is particularly comfortable out wide or deeper and it's certainly not a better option than some of the specialist alternatives.

Earlier in the year, the form of Wyke (and Kazaiah Sterling) did not justify two centre-forwards – his confidence low, Wyke was not justifying his selection, so Ross generally went for his preferred 4-2-3-1 with Grigg at its head. Since Wembley, Teessider Wyke has come into his own.

He scored against Coventry and set two goals up – including Grigg's fifth in 12 games.

Sunderland have looked sharper up front for the two together and, on many of the tight pitches they have played on away from home – Accrington and Rochdale being prime examples – it has worked.

Yet at the Stadium of Light on Saturday the team became too strung out and the defence too exposed when the ball was turned over high up the field, as illustrated perfectly by Jordan Shipley's goal.

Sunderland got away with it to an extent against Burton Albion three days earlier – their 1-1 draw had a lot to do with the Wearsiders hitting the woodwork three times – but the Brewers, carefree in mid-table, also started in a 4-4-2.

Playing a back four raises its own issues. Jack Baldwin and Tom Flanagan were badly exposed at centre-back but both were error-prone and have been inconsistent all season.

Flanagan's recent form has been no better than what Baldwin was dropped for in February/March.

Baldwin should be worried about his place too, but two central defensive changes would be problematic because, while Jimmy Dunne has been heavily involved since joining on loan from Burnley in January, Glenn Loovens has not played first-team football since Christmas and Alim Ozturk's only appearances have been against under-21 sides in the Football League Trophy.

What did not help against Coventry was both full-backs were very forward-thinking. Bryan Oviedo was probably the best of the defensive unit but playing Denver Hume instead might have offered more help shutting the back door.

Possible team: McLaughlin; O'Nien, Baldwin, Dunne, Hume; Morgan, Leadbitter, Honeyman, McGeady; Grigg, Wyke.

> Ross likes to play Cattermole and Leadbitter together

MIDFIELD DIAMOND

A popular option in League One, this might have been a good one in the matches McGeady missed after taking a kick in the first half at Accrington, beefing the Black Cats up in the middle of the park at a time when Lewis Morgan was the only fit senior winger (Lynden Gooch strained his hamstring at Rochdale).

That shape demands width from

Cats have to make better case for the defence if

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ing for a quiet evening, they can forget it.

John Marquis might have been becalmed since the Black Cats took a look at him - and most of League One's top-scorer list, it must be said - in January but he remains the division's second-highest scorer. His Doncaster Rovers side is a team which loves to press the opposition.

Wycombe Wanderers did well at the Stadium of Light earlier in the season by dropping off and daring the Black Cats to do something to break them down. The result was a 1-1 draw. The chances are Grant McCann's Rovers will play more like the Chairboys did at Adams Park in March's reverse fixture - right in the Black Cats' faces.

That will be a challenge to their embattled defence.

It would be a surprise if Sunderland's central defensive partnership of Tom Flanagan and Jack Baldwin survived conceding five goals at Coventry City on Saturday.

Yet with Jimmy Dunne the only really match-fit alternative, it would be a shock if both were dropped.

Flanagan looks most vulnerable, his display against the Sky Blues adding to a litany of recent errors. The Northern Ireland international looks low on confidence and can count himself lucky he was not substituted at the weekend.

Baldwin was shaky too. The last thing you could call him is arrogant but sometimes in football arrogance is a good thing.

The 25-year-old former Hartlepool United and Peterborough United centre-back is brutally honest about his won shortcomings in a way sportsmen seldom are.

In February/March, Baldwin was dropped during a run of form as difficult as what Flanagan is going through at the moment. Such disarming honesty makes Baldwin easy to warm to but it might not be what his manager Jack Ross wanted to hear.

Ross - indeed just about every manager - wants his players disappointed, angry even, when left out of the side, not accepting of their fate.

Baldwin could easily spend this week beating himself up about how poor he was at the weekend.

It is better for defenders to be more negative than forwards but he must strike the right balance, because Doncaster's style will test his self-belief if he faces it.

Sunderland side for crucial Good Friday clash?

> The standard 4-4-2 has brought the best out of Charlie Wyke and WIll Grigg

the full-backs, suiting Luke O'Nien and Oviedo, but does leave them vulnerable to being doubled-up on.

However, if McGeady is fit to start – Ross admitted afterwards it was pushing it to ask him to do half an hour at the weekend – does it make sense to play a formation which doesn't have wingers?

He can start at the tip of the diamond but surely it's best to have him where he is most dangerous, particularly when Wyke and Grigg like to feed off crosses.

Lewis Morgan played well on the wing against Coventry too.

Possible team: McLaughlin; O'Nien, Baldwin, Dunne, Oviedo; Leadbitter; Cattermole, Honeyman; McGeady; Grigg, Wyke.

3-4-1-2

Which brings us to three at the back.

Three central defenders is a way of playing Wyke and Grigg together without losing out numerically in midfield. It also means no wingers.

It would suit Saturday's full-backs to play as wing-backs, though, and is another way of accommodating a Wyke-Grigg partnership.

The main argument for three at the back is safety in numbers, giving Flanagan and Baldwin more support by adding Dunne.

He lost his place last month because he too was error-prone and not inspiring confidence and the same was true of early-season Ozturk.

Would three such central defenders be a better option than two?

The extra central midfielder might make it easier to play Cattermole and Grant Leadbitter together.

Cattermole has got forward more than ever this season but the worry is without a third midfielder, the pair are not fluid enough, without enough of the runs beyond the strikers which pull defences out of position.

Sunderland played some good football in the run-up to Wembley when the pair were in tandem, however, and it would be good to reunite them.

They could certainly have used Cattermole's control at the weekend.

Possible team: McLaughlin; Flanagan, Baldwin, Dunne, O'Nien, Leadbitter; Cattermole, Oviedo; McGeady; Grigg, Wyke.

4-2-3-1

Ross' preferred formation is another way of pairing Cattermole and Leadbitter without losing too much going forward.

Having the two midfield bouncers together should offer more protection to the shaky centre-backs than Leadbitter and Max Power were able to against Coventry and give the four in front licence to attack and switch positions.

A fit McGeady playing on one side with Morgan on the other would allow Sunderland to stretch the play across the wide expanses of the Stadium of Light, freeing up the channels for the lone centre-forward and the man playing off him to run into.

As for who the striker should be, Wyke's hold-up play and form could give him the edge over Grigg, who is managing an ankle injury through the run-in.

Possible team: McLaughlin; O'Nien, Baldwin, Dunne, Hume; Cattermole, Leadbitter; Morgan, Honeyman, McGeady; Wyke.

WHAT WILL DONCASTER DO?

Grant McCann tends to favour a 4-2-3-1 or variations of it. His side played more of a 4-1-4-1 when the sides met in November.

That means Sunderland risk being outnumbered in central midfield if they go with the formation they have used so far in April.

Three centre-backs risks being one too many with only John Marquis to marshall or it could leave the central man one-on-one with him if the other two are pulled out by wingers getting in behind the full-backs.

Matching up risks a stalemate when Sunderland really need a win – they could be fifth by kick-off.

Whichever way Ross goes there are pros and cons but, regardless of the shape, they just need to play better than on Saturday.

they are to bounce back from loss

The Yorkshiremen are sixth in League One when it comes to pressing the ball so there will be no let-up from them on Friday.

It is not as if Ross has anyone unscarred to turn to.

Flanagan, Baldwin and Dunne, on loan from Burnley, were much of a muchness in February and March, which is why they were chopped and changed until Ross settled on the first two as his preferred pairing.

Like your traditional giant central defender, Dunne is most comfortable when long balls are pumped high in his direction.

He will be less comfortable if 19-goal Marquis and company get in his face when the ball is way down at his feet.

Alim Ozturk and Glenn Loovens have been banished to the wilderness after one mistake too many.

The pair looked shaky from the off when lining up against Charlton Athletic on the opening day and Ozturk - poor in pre-season - quickly gave the impression of not being up to standard. His only appearances in 2019 have come against under-21 sides in the Football League Trophy.

Still, though, he appears to have leapfrogged Loovens in the pecking order.

The experienced former Dutch international was badly exposed by the pace of Portsmouth in December and has not played since his red card helped Pompey to what looked like an important victory then - a crucial one now the sides are level on points with only five games to play.

Whoever plays between the full-backs on Friday, whether there be two or three of them, will be put to the test mentally. With just three points separating second-placed Barnsley from fifth-placed Charlton Athletic, what each team has between their ears could be as important as what is in their boots.

> Jimmy Dunne

Naylor is in confident mood going into Easter

MIDFIELDER Tom Naylor says Portsmouth's confidence is "sky-high" as they look to ramp up the pressure on Sunderland this Easter.

Playing last on Good Friday means Pompey and Charlton Athletic have the chance to drop the Black Cats into fifth before their televised game at home to Doncaster Rovers.

Portsmouth were four points clear at Christmas only for a terrible eight-match winless run to derail them in the new year.

However, only Charlton have a better record over the last seven league matches, in which time Kenny Jackett's side also defeated Sunderland on penalties in the Football League Trophy final.

No wonder Naylor says they are full of belief.

He said: "This run we're on has been brilliant and it means confidence is sky high at the moment.

"We're going out every week with a determination to win and want to keep playing how we have been recently."

Pompey are Sunderland's final regular-season opponents at the Stadium of Light this season on April 27. It looks like being a hugely important game.

Saturday's results allowed Portsmouth to go level on points with Sunderland and Charlton to move a point behind.

Although both sides chasing the Wearsiders go first on Friday, the good news is they face the two sides with the next best form.

Burton Albion, who host Portsmouth at 1.00, have only lost once in the last seven games, to Charlton. Their five wins include a victory over Barnsley and they drew with Sunderland.

At the same time, Charlton are at Oxford United for a televised game. The Us' four-match winning streak has been bookended by draws against Rochdale and Wimbledon.

Barnsley and Luton Town were League One's in-form sides until recently but have dropped off since March.

They are tenth and seventh in the form table for the last seven matches.

Barnsley, two points ahead of Sunderland from a game more, host Shrewsbury Town at 3.00 while leaders Luton wait until Saturday for their trip to Accrington Stanley.

The challenge for the Black Cats is to put Saturday's 5-4 defeat to Coventry City behind them quickly.

That they responded to their Wembley disappointment with back-to-back victories before the week was out shows they are well capable - but there will be little room for manoeuvre in the final five matches.

Naylor added: "Every team has a bad spell during the season and we have our one out the way, so we need to smash these last five games."

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Lejeune returns to Rome rehab clinic

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FLORIAN Lejeune is back in Rome and using the same formula that was crucial to his previous comeback from a serious knee injury.

The Frenchman tore the anterior cruciate ligament in his left knee during Newcastle's 1-0 defeat to Crystal Palace – just eight months after suffering the same injury in his right knee.

Last summer, Lejeune was sent to Professor Pier Paolo Mariani at the Villa Stuart Clinic in Rome and the 27-year-old touched down in the Italian capital on Monday ahead of going under the knife. Lejeune's wife, Laury, and daughter Lena, who was born in Rome during his previous stint at the clinic, also travelled with the defender.

Rafa Benitez is a fan of knee specialist Prof Mariani because his operations only take between half an hour and 40 minutes, which means players encounter few problems when it comes to swelling or inflammation after surgery.

As a result, last summer, Lejeune could immediately start his rehabilitation at the clinic, backed by other sportsmen recovering from similar injuries. With that ongoing support from fellow athletes, the lonely road back to kicking the ball again is not so devastating and Lejeune spent more than a month at the clinic before returning to Newcastle.

> Florian Lejeune

Remarkably, the centre-back was back in full training with his team-mates in November – which is not unusual for Prof Mariani patients.

"We are not doing a race," Prof Mariani previously told The journal. "Speedy means that when you see the knee of the patient's, you have in your mind the plan so you don't waste your time doing unnecessary steps.

"You must be fast but you must also be very essential in your movements. You must also be precise, very precise. This is the secret.

"My experience? Maybe that also helps because I spent a lot of time in pathological departments to try, to perform, to improve my techniques. In one word? The secret is study."

Lejeune was back playing for Newcastle's reserves on December 10 and then stepped up for the first team in the FA Cup clash with Blackburn on January 5.

Every ACL tear is different but if the Frenchman makes a similar recovery this time around, he could return to first-team action in the autumn.

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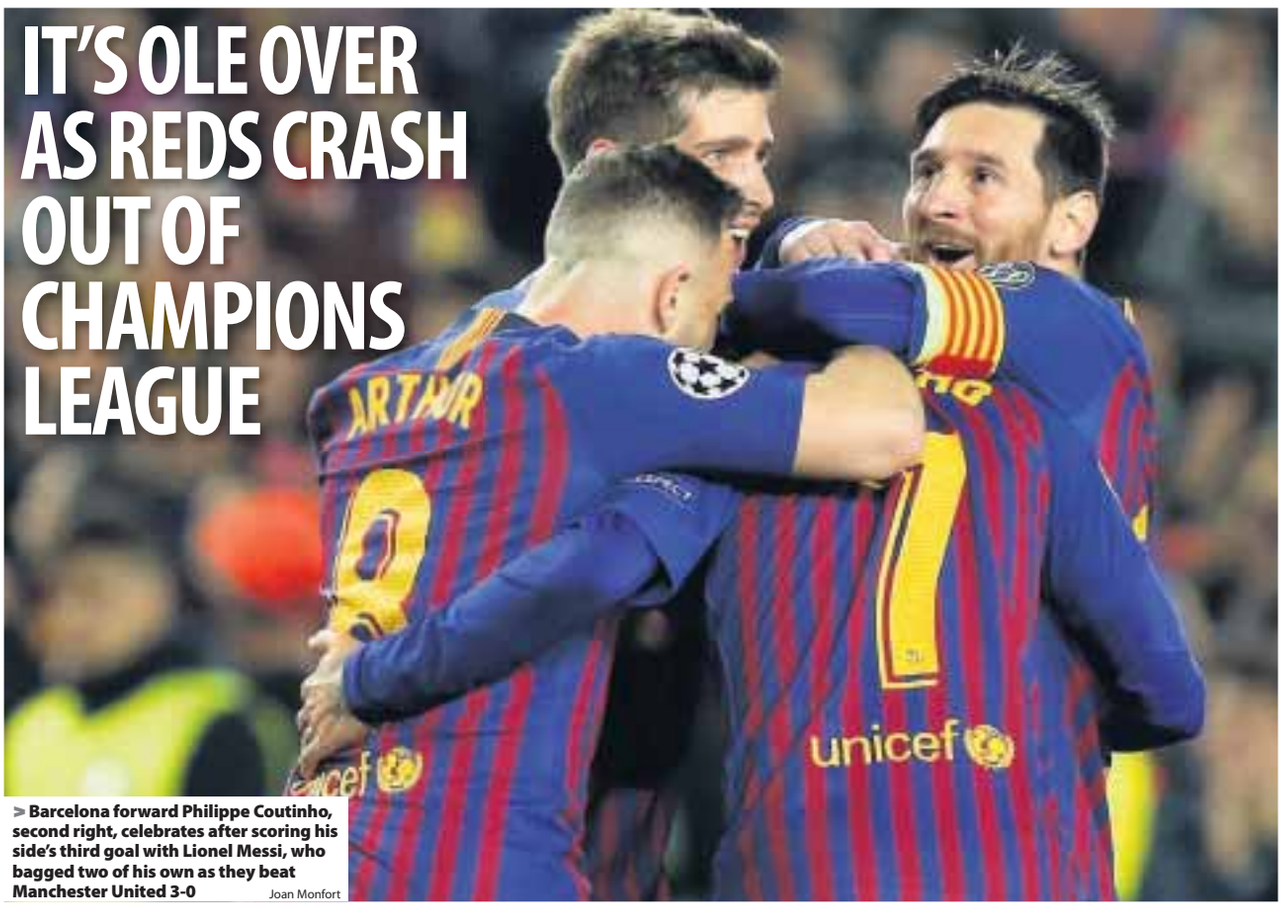

> Barcelona forward Philippe Coutinho, second right, celebrates after scoring his side's third goal with Lionel Messi, who bagged two of his own as they beat Manchester United 3-0 Joan Monfort

Doncaster hitman to test Cats' defences

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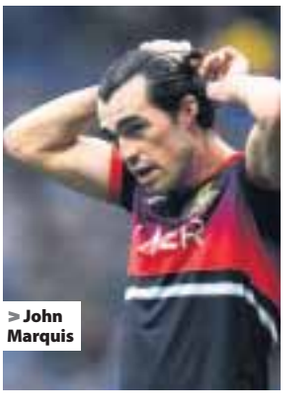
DONCASTER Rovers top-scorer John Marquis is expected to return from injury against Sunderland, but Grant McCann's side have other concerns down the spine of their side.

Marquis missed Saturday's 2-0 win over Plymouth Argyle, Doncaster's fourth in a row, after a concussion injury suffered against Bradford City seven days earlier, but is expected back in training this week.

Marquis was one of a number of strikers Sunderland looked at in January before settling on Will Grigg to replace Bordeaux-bound Josh Maja.



> John Marquis

He had 20 goals for the season in all competitions at that point but has only added three since - two in early February.

But Rovers do have concerns over holding midfielder Ben Whiteman and central defender Tom Anderson.

Whiteman has missed the last five matches with ankle ligament damage, and Anderson sat out the victory against Plymouth with calf trouble. He has only played one of Doncaster's last nine matches.

Manager McCann is hopefully both will be back in training this week, but given their lack of matches, it might be too soon for either to be considered match-fit enough for the televised Good Friday game.

Whoever lines up in the centre of Sunderland's defence in Friday's televised game will be under the microscope. If they are hop-

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